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RECORDS OF FORT ST. GEORGE

LETTERS FROM FORT ST. DAVID
1749

(Volume No. 2)

N°. 1

To Captain Lashley Bailey
of the Hawk Sloop.

Sir

Should your Vessell not be in a proper Condition to work up hither at this Season of the Year We hereby direct that You deliver your loading of Pepper to one of the Honble Company's Ships that may be ordered by the Admiral to take it in. Dated in Fort S^{t}. David this 10th. day of January 1748/9.

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
Stringer Lawrence.
Richard Prince.
William Holt.
Alex^{r}. Wynch.
Foss Westcott.

N°. 2

To the Worsh^{ll}. Thomas Byfield Esq^{r}.
Chief &c^{a}. Factors of Tellicherry.

Worsh^{ll}. Sir & Sirs

The 8th. Instant We received your Letter of the 24th. Ultimo and are now to advise You that We have come to a Resolution to send you in a few days Tonnage for what Pepper may be remaining at your Place after you have Dispatched the Colchester, therefore request it may be got in readiness to be put on board as soon as the Ship arrives with you.

The Draughts which you inclosed to Us on the Agent Victualler and Naval Storekeeper of His Majesty's Squadron have been duely receiv'd and brought to your Credit.

Having put on board the Colchester 32 Tons of Salt Petre more then her Char-t[e]r party Tonnage, We desire it may be taken out of her & reserved to be put on board some other of our Honble Masters Ships unless the Commander should request that it may continue on board & go at half freight. We are

Worsh^{ll}. Sir & Sirs

Your most Humble Servants

Fort S^{t}. David
14th. January 1748/9.
P.S. Inclosed We send the Copy of the Colchesters Charterparty.

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
Stringer Lawrence.
Richard Prince.
William Holt.
Alex^{r}. Wynch.
Foss Westcott.

N°. 3

To Mr. Robert Goodere
Resident at Ingeram.

Sir

This serves to inclosed You an Account of Sundries delivered for the use of the Ingeram Barr Boat which You are to Credit this Settlement for.

As We have not yet receiv'd the Ingeram Books for the Year 1747 which should go to Europe with ours for that Year We direct that they be sent up as soon as possible. We are

Sir,

Fort St. David
14th. January 1748. 9.

Your Affectionate Friends

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
Stringer Lawrence.
Richard Prince.
William Holt.
Alexr. Wynch.
Foss Westcott

N°. 4

To the Honble William Barwell Esqr.
President & Governour &ce. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your several Favours of the 28th. November by Ship Success Galley, 12th. December by the Medway's Prize & 3 of the 22d. by our Honourable Masters Ships Lapwing Porto Bello & True Briton have all come safe to our Hands to which We shall deferr replying at present, as We are preparing our Advices to send by the Lapwing who will sail to Morrow for Great Britain.

On this Ship takes Passage Captain John Holland, whose first Commission for a Company & as Lieutenant in our Honourable Masters Service bore Date August 1734

We are

Fort St. David
16th. January 1748. 9.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your most Obedt. Humle. Servts.

P.S. Mr. Boscawen having sent to Bengall the Honble Company's Ships Rhoda & Royal George for Provisions for his Squadron: We request your Honour &ca. will send Us a Supply of good Rice & Wheat on them being informed Mr. Boscawen will not be in want of the whole Tonnage of those Ships.

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
Stringer Lawrence.
Richard Prince.
William Holt.
Alexr. Wynch.
Foss Westcott.

N°. 5

To THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ^R^.
CHIEF &C^a^. COUNCIL OF VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

Your several Letters of the 31. October 23^d^. November & 8[^th^]. Ultimo have been duly received.

Having Laden on board the Ship Success Sundries for the use of Ganjam Factory, We now inclose you Invoice thereof, and have also put on board her a Chest containing ten thousand Pagodas for Ingeram.

As M^r^. Andrews writes Us of his having hopes of making an Investment We direct that you Supply him with what Rupees he may stand in need of for carrying on the same. We are

FORT S^T^. DAVID
16^TH^. JANUARY 1748. 9.

GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends
CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD PRINCE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEX^R^. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

N°. 6

To M^R^. ROBERT GOODERE
RESIDENT AT INGERAM.

SIR

Inclosed comes Duplicate of what wrote You the 14^th^. Instant by the Ingeram Barr Boat and this is chiefly to Advise You of our having laden on board the Ship Success Captain John Harriot bound to Vizagapatam a Box containing Madrass Pagodas ten thousand, for the use of your Factory. We are

SIR
Your Affectionate Friends,

FORT S^T^. DAVID
16^TH^. JANUARY 1748/9.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD PRINCE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEX^R^. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

N°. 7

To M^R^. JOHN ANDREWS
RESIDENT AT GANJAM.

SIR

We have received your several Letters of the 25^th^. September, 30^th^. November & 29^th^. Ultimo, and as We don't care to risque the whole that you have Indented for on the Adventure Brigantine, We now send a part thereof on the Ship Success to Vizagapatam, and the remainder shall follow on the aforesaid Vessell.

As you acquaint Us you have some prospect of making an Investment We have directed the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam to supply You with Rupees from thence to whom you will write for them when you are in want thereof. We are

SIR

FORT ST. DAVID
16TH. JANUARY 1748/9.

Your Affectionate Friends
CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD PRINCE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

N°. 8

TO THE HONBLE WILLIAM WAKE ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C. COUNCIL
OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The 7th. Instant came to hand your Favour of the 28th. November and as We have since the return of the Forces from Camp transmitted You an Account of such Persons belonging to your Presidency who would have their half pay made good to their Families, and advised You that Captain Andrews had paid into the Companys's Cash again what had been stopt on Account of the Detachment that went on the Winchester We imagine there is no Occasion to send you a further Account at present.

The 17th. Instant sailed from hence for great Britain the Honourable Company's Ship Lapwing and in few days we purpose to send the True Briton to Tellicherry to take in a Loading of Pepper and to proceed directly from thence for Europe.

Messrs. Chambers and Baker at Madeira having sent Us no particular Invoice of the Wine that came by the Ships with Mr. Boscawen but mention to have inclosed one in the Dorringtons Packet, We are therefore to request your Honour &ca. will send us a Copy thereof. that We may know at what Rate to give Credit for the same.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

FORT ST. DAVID
23D. JANUARY 1748/9.

Your most Humble Servants
CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD PRINCE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

N°. 9

To the Worsh^ll^. Thomas Byfeld Esq^r^.
Chief &c^a^. Factors of Tellicherry.

Wors^ll^. Sir & Sirs

Inclosed comes Duplicate of our last of the 14^th^. Instant, & this is chiefly to advise that We have resolved to send the True Briton to take in a Loading of Pepper at your Place & shall dispatch her in a day or two. We are

Worsh^ll^. Sir & Sirs

Your most Humble Servants

Fort S^t^. David
23^d^. January 1748/9.

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
Stringer Lawrence.
Richard Prince.
William Holt.
Alex^r^. Wynch.
Foss Westcott.

N°. 10

To M^r^. John Andrews
Resident at Ganjam.

Sir

Inclosed comes Duplicate of what We wrote You the 16^th^. Instant & this chiefly is to advise that We have sent you on the Adventure Brigantine the remainder of your Indent as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading Inclosed & are

Sir

Your Affectionate Friends

Fort S^t^. David
23^d^. January 1748/9.

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
Stringer Lawrence.
Richard Prince.
William Holt.
Alex^r^. Wynch.
Foss Westcott.

N°. 11

To the Worshipful Thomas Byfeld Esq^r^.
Chief &c^a^. Factors of Tellicherry.

Worsh^ll^. Sir & Sirs

Herewith comes Duplicate of our last to You by Pattamar. This comes on the Honble Company's Ship True Briton whom We advised we should send You to take in a Loading of Pepper for Europe.

She has on board Eighty Tons of Salt Petre and twenty four of Redwood, for which You have Invoice & Bill of Lading inclosed also her Charter Party & list of her Complement of Men.

The Honble Company write us in a Letter dated 10^th^. May last "As Hostilities "are ceas'd, our Ships must be dispatched directly home to Us after the 19^th^. "October next in the usual manner as before the Commencement of the War,

" directing the Commanders to proceed to our Island S^{t}. Helena and after refresh-
" ing there for a few days, to make the best of their Way to the Downs " and further in another Paragraph.

" Notwithstanding the above in case any Men of War are bound home, and any
" of our Ships can conveniently join them, We would have them come in Company
" with such Men of War for their greater Security till further Orders."

We therefore advise You (if you have not particular Directions from Bombay relating to the dispatching the homeward bound Shipping) to give the Commanders directions in case of meeting in their passage or at S^{t}. Helena with any of the Kings Ships bound home that they put themselves under their Convoy, which may be very proper as We imagine upon a Peace the Sea will swarm with Pirates.

We have put on board this Ship for S^{t}. Helena two Tons of Rice & two Tons of Sugar. We are

WORSH^{LL}. SIR & SIRS
Your most Humble Servants

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
25TH. JANUARY 1748/9.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD PRINCE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

N°. 12

TO CAPTAIN HENRY BROADLEY
OF SHIP TRUE BRITON.

SIR

You are hereby ordered to repair on board and make the best of your way for Tellicherry where You are to deliver the Accompanying Packet to the Chief & Factors there, and follow their Orders for your further Proceedings. DATED in FORT S^{T}. DAVID this 26th. day of January 1748/9.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD PRINCE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

N°. 13

TO THE HONBLE WILLIAM WAKE ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C. COUNCIL
OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Having by his Majesty's Ship the Tartar that arrived here Yesterday from England receiv'd the inclosed Packets for your Presidency & Surat from the Honble

Court of Directors, is the occasion of the present Dispatch this Ship left England in June & touched at the Cape where had been our Honble Masters Ships Somerset Pelham & Doddington

inclosed is Duplicate of our last of the 23d. Instant & We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Humble Servants

FORT ST. DAVID
29TH. JANUARY 1748/9.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD PRINCE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

N°. 14

TO THE WORSHLL. THOMAS BYFIELD ESQR.
CHIEF &CE. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

WORSHLL. SIR & SIRS

The Duplicate of what We wrote you the 25th. Instant by our Honble Masters Ship True Briton with the Papers that Accompany'd it We now send you inclos'd & this is chiefly to forward the accompanying Packet from the Honble Court of Directors that We receiv'd Yesterday by His Majesty's Ship the Tarter, who left England in June and touched at the Cape where had been our Honble Masters Ships Pelham Somerset & Doddington. We are

WORSHLL. SIR & SIRS

Your most Humble Servants

FORT ST. DAVID
29TH. JANUARY 1748/9.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD PRINCE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO TELLICHERRY.

N°. 1. General Letter to the Chief & Factors dated the 29th. Janry. 1748/9.
2. Duplicate Do. Do. dated 25th. January 1748/9.
3. Duplicate Invoice of Redwood & Salt Petre laden on board the True Briton.
4. Duplicate Bill Lading for Ditto.
5. Do. Calculate of the Briton's Tonnage.
6. List of the True Britons Complement of Men.
7. General Letter from the Court of Directors.

FORT ST. DAVID 29TH. JANUARY 1748/9. CHAS. BOURCHIER *Secy.*

N°. 15

To THE WORSH^LL. RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQ^R.
CHIEF &C^E. FACTORS AT ANJENGO.

WORSH^LL. SIR & SIRS

Your favour of the 8^th. Ultimo We have receiv'd and having been reimbursed the amount of the Rice you supplied Captain Powlet with. We shall accordingly give Bombay Presidency Credit for the same as you desire. M^r. Charles Bourchier has also receiv'd the amount of the Cattle.

Enclosed We send you a Packet from the Hoñ. Company that We receiv'd Yesterday by His Majesty's Ship the Tartar who left England in June & touched at the Cape where had been our Honble Masters Ships Somerset Pelham & Doddington.

The Lapwing Sailed hence for Great Britain the 17^th. Instant & We are now a loading the Porto Bello which Ship We hope to dispatch by the 10^th. of next Month.

We are

WORSH^LL. SIR & SIRS

Your most Humble Servants

CHARLES FLOYER &C. COUNCIL.

FORT S^T. DAVID
29^TH. JANUARY 1748/9.

N°. 16

To THE HONBLE WILLIAM WAKE ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C. COUNCIL
OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Last Night after closing our Letter of the 29^th. Instant came to hand the Duplicate of your favour of the 10^th. Instant in which it gives Us great Satisfaction to observe that the Troubles at Surat are ended and We hope that place may long continue Quiet, Yesterday imported at Pondicherry 7 Ships which We imagine are the same that appear'd off this Place the 10^th. June last.

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Humble Servants

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD PRINCE.
WILLIAM HOLT;
ALEX^R. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

FORT S^T. DAVID
30^TH. JANUARY 1748/9.

N°. 17

To THE WORSH^LL. THOMAS BYFELD ESQ^R.
CHIEF &C^E. FACTORS OF TELLICHERRY.

WORSH^LL. SIR & SIRS

Last Night just as We were going to dispatch to you the accompanying Packet We receiv'd your Favour of the 17^th. Instant and at present have nothing more Material to add

We are

FORT S^T. DAVID
30^TH JANUARY 1748/9.

WORSH^LL. SIR & SIRS,
Your most Humble Servants
CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROOKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD PRINCE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEX^R. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

N°. 18

To THE HONBLE WILLIAM BARWELL ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^A. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

On this Ships Fort William, We now return you eighty Men of your Detachment Under the Command of Captain John Usgate & thirty five more with Lieuten^t. Sanderson will go on the Hawk Sloop whom we purpose to dispatch to You this Evening Upon Lieuten^t. Usgates Application to us After Captain Brown's Death to be promoted to the Same Rank He had as We had given a Brevet to Lieuten^t. Brown to act as Captain during his Stay here that He might rank with our Lieuten^ts. to whom the Company have been pleased to grant Captains Commissions, We accordingly conferr'd the Same Favour on Lieuten^t. Usgate, who with the Rest of the Officers of the Detachment have behav'd to Satisfaction.

On this Ship we send You fifteen Chests of Rupees as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading inclos'd & We shall Send you fifteen more by the Hawke.

M^r. Fazakerly who came out Writer for your Place on the Pelham takes his Passage on this Ship.

We are

FORT S^T. DAVID
9^TH. FEBRUARY 1748/9.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS,
Your most Humble Servants
CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROOKE [*sic*].
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD PRINCE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEX^R. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

N°. 19

To the Honble William Barwell Esq^R^.
President & Governour &c^A^. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last to you bore date the 16th. Ult°. a Duplicate of which we now send You inclos'd and this You will receive by the Hawke Sloop which Vessell being drove to Trincamaly after She left this place in October as we were in want of the Pepper She had on board to help fill up the Tonnage of the Ships we are now preparing to Dispatch from hence We Orderd her here again and have accordingly taken out the same and to be Acquainted with the price and Weight thereof that we may give Your Precidency due credit for its Amount we have been Oblig'd to open the Chiefs & Councils of Tellicherry letter to Your Honour &c^a^. to take out the Invoice, which having taken a Copy of we Seal'd up the said letter again, but we find thereby a deficiency to be in the Weight of the said pepper of 3511 pounds which we have enquired about of the Master who says as it was all Shot loose in the hold it must have mixed with the ballast, therefore when he takes out the same in Bengal he will deliver what may be therein to your Honour &c^a^.

On the 28th. Ult°. Ariv'd here His Majesty's Ship the Tartar Cap^t^. Will: Brett of twenty Guns who left England the 9th. June and the 3^d^. instant came in our Honble: Masters Ship the Pelham Cap^t^. George Lindsay, the former had on board Sixty Chests of Treasure for Your Precidency and was Order'd to proceed directly there but on his Arrival at Atcheen hearing that the Admiral was at this Place he made the best of his way hither, And as it will be so great an Advantage to our Honble: Masters to Coin it into Rupees here upon our Application to M^r^. Boscawen to have the same landed, he immediately Consented thereto, and We are now Coining it into Rupees as also Part of the 50 Chests we receiv'd by the Pelham fifteen Chests of which we now send you on this Vessell and fifteen on this Ship Fort William and as fast as we can get it con'd a further Supply thereof, the Somerset came out with the Pelham, which Ship She parted Company with in a Gale of Wind the 5th. December and as She is not yet Arriv'd here imagine She must be gone directly for your place. Our Honble Masters Ship Doddington bound for Bombay was at the Cape with these Ships.

On this Vessell and the Fort William including the Recruits that we receiv'd by the Pelham, we have sent You to the Number of 116 Men Thirty five of which with Lieutenant Sanderson on the former and Eighty under the Command of Cap^t^. John Usgate on the latter.

By the Pelham the Hoñble Company have thought proper to send out new regulations for their Military here & to put it on quite a different footing to what it has hitherto been and on the said Ship is come out Passenger Major Mossman for your Place with two other Officers but when they purpose to proceed we are not certain.

The Supplys of Rice Your Honour &c^a^. were pleasd to send us by the Porto Bello and True Briton have turned out extreamly bad and deficient a particular Account of which we shall transmit You by a future Conveyance and as We observe that there has been very good brought by the Several Country Ships that have come here from Your place this Season, We request Your Honour &c^a^. will give particular directions that more Care may be taken in future of whats sent on our Hoñble Masters Account who will be great Sufferers by this Importation as also what We reciev'd by the Colchester.

As After the Dispatch of the Porto Bello & Winchelsea we shall have but a Small Quantity of Salt Peter remaining we desire you will Send Us a large Supply thereof to Keep in Store for any Occassions we may have to Answer As yet the Winchelsea is not arriv'd here thô we have rece'd Advice from Vizagapatam that She has been there and Saild from thence the 26th. Ultimo for Ingeram to take in the Bales at that place.

The packets from the Hoñble Court of Directors to Your Honour &c^a^. by the Tartar & Pelham We have been obliged to open to take out the Invoices of the Treasure by these Ships & We now forward the said Packets to you by this Vessell

As to the Cargo of the Ship taken last Year belonging to Balasore, She being made a Prize of by Capt. Meard when in his Majesty's Service we can say nothing thereto but are inform'd that her Cargo which was Sold here Amounted to something less than 2000 Pagoda's.

Inclos'd We send Your Honour &c^{a}. An account of Disbursements on the Hawk Sloop at this Place.

We are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
9TH. FEBRUARY 1748/9.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS,
Your most Humble Servants
CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROOKE [*sic*].
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD PRINCE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

N°. 20

TO THE HONBLE WILLIAM BARWELL ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Inclos'd comes Duplicate of our last of the 9th. Instant by the Hawk Sloop, and this is chiefly to Inclose Invoice and Bill of Lading for fifteen Chests Rupees now sent you on the Ship Griffin, which is all that we have coin'd at present.

We are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID

12 : FEBRUARY 1748/9.

P.S. Major Mossman with two Officers for your Settlement take passage on this Ship.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS,
Your most Humble Servants
CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROOKE [*sic*].
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD PRINCE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

N°. 21

TO M^{R}. ROBERT GOODERE.
RESIDENT AT INGERAM.

S^{R}.

Yesterday we rece'd your Letter of the 6th. instant by our Honble: Masters Ship Winchelsea, and are greatly Concern'd At the Accident that befell your Bales going down the River for the want of which We shall not be able to dispatch the

Winchelsea to England now, tho we purpose to do it in May therefore direct that you send Us by the first good Conveyance that Offers those Bales and what more you may have since procur'd.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID
19TH. FEBRUARY 1748/9.

SR.
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROOKE [*sic*].
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD PRINCE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

No. 22

TO THE WORSPLL. THOMAS BYFIELD ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

WORSHLL. SIR & SIRS

Your Letter of the 22d. Ultimo We have Reciev'd, And as from what You therein writt us of the Quantity of Pepper you had in the Warehouse which we imagine will be more than you will be able to put on board the Dorrington and Ships We have sent You. We have therefore come to a Resolution to dispatch to You our Honble Masters Ship Winchelsea who will sail in a day or two to take in what May be remaining, as We have been Disappointed in our Investment at the Northern Settlements whereby we had not sufficient Tonnage to dispatch her to England at this Season, though intend to do it in May next wherefore We request She may be return'd to us in time for that purpose, The Timber and Plank belonging to our Honble Masters that has been so long lying at Your Place We desire may be also sent us on her.

On the 3d. Instant arriv'd here our Honble Masters Ship Pelham from England, who parted Company with the Somerset the 15th. Decemr. in a hard Gale of wind, and as we have not yet seen that Ship here, imagine She must have proceeded directly to the Bay, As the Hoñble Court of Directors have orderd these two Ships to be sent to China as soon as the Season will permitt with such Goods as can be procured proper for the Canton Market, We are therefore to request you will order Three Hundred Candy's of Wool or what part thereof can be procur'd & sent us in time to put on board them.

On the 23d. We disappointed our Hoñble Masters Ship Porto Bello for Great Britain.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID
25TH. FEBRUARY 1748/9

WORSHLL. SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servants

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROOKE [*sic*].
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD PRINCE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

N°. 23

To the Worsh^ll^. Thomas Byfield Esq^r^.
Chief &c^a^. Factors of Tellicherry.

Worsh^ll^. Sir & Sirs

In consequence of what we wrote You The 25^th^. Instant of sending our Honble: Masters, Ship Winchelsea to take in the Pepper You may have remaining We now dispatch to You that Ship, and are to request She may be dispatched by you so as to be here by the 20^th^. May at farthest.

Inclos'd comes Duplicate of your Letter of the 25^th^. Instant and

We are

Fort S^t^. David.

28^th^. February 1748/9.

Worsh^ll^. Sir & Sirs

Your most humble Servants

Charles Floyer.
Edward Crooke [*sic*].
Stringer Lawrence.
Richard Prince.
William Holt.
Alex^r^. Wynch.
Foss Westcott.

P.S. We shall write to the Presid^t^. & Council of Bombay to send directions to your settlement for the provision of the Sandall Wood mention'd in our Letter of the 25^th^. Instant.

N°. 24

To Cap^t^. Christopher Baron
of Ship Winchelsea.

Sir

You are hereby order'd to repair on board and make the best of your way to Tellicherry, where you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the Chief and Factors there and follow their Orders for your further proceedings, But should You be prevented by contrary Winds or other Accidents from getting to your consign'd Port so as to return here by the 20^th^. May, in such case we direct that you come back again without proceeding thither.

Fort S^t^. David
28^th^. February 1748/9.

Charles Floyer.
Edward Crooke [*sic*].
Stringer Lawrence.
Richard Prince.
William Holt.
Alex^r^. Wynch.
Foss Westcott.

N°. 25

To the Honble William Wake Esq^r^.
President & Governour &c^a^. Council
of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The 30^th^. Ultimo We acknowledged the Receipt of the Duplicate of your favour of the 10^th^. of that Month, but as yet the Original is not come to hand.

On the 3^d^. Instant imported here our Honble: Masters Ship Pelham Cap^t^. George Lindsay from England which Ship left the Somerset the 15^th^. December in

a hard gale of Wind who not being yet arriv'd here we imagine must have proceeded directly to Bengall, And as She with the Pelham are both design'd for China this Season and the Honble : Court of Directors having order'd us to put on board them such Goods as We have proper for the Canton Market, We have therefore wrote to the Chief and Factors of Tellicherry to procure for that purpose three hundred 300 Candys of Sandall Wood, and are to desire Your Honour &c^{a}. will send them directions for so doing.

The 23^{d}. Instant sailed our Honble : Masters Ship Porto Bello for Great Britain, but our Investment falling short at the Northern Settlements has prevented our dispatching the Winchelsea thither at this time, therefore We have sent her to Tellicherry to take in what Pepper may be remaining there after the dispatch of the several Ships that are to be loaded at that place for Europe and to bring Us the Timber and Plank belonging to the Hoñble Company that has been so long lying there, When She returns which we have requested may be early in May, We purpose at that time as we shall then be furnished with sufficient Tonnage to dispatch her to England.

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most humble Servants

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROOKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD PRINCE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
2^{D}. MARCH 1748/9.

N°. 26

TO THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ^{R}.
CHIEF &C^{A}. COUNCIL OF VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

We have rece'd your Letters of The 26th. & 28th. January and one from M^{r}. Saunders of the 27th. as also the several Books and Papers that accompany'd them. The Indent for Wares and Stores shall be complyed with as near as we are able, but the Sundrys Indented for by the Gunner, it is not in our power to supply you with as we are not furnished with a much greater Stock, than is therein mention'd, thô as we become Supplyed therewith such as can be spared shall be sent You.

The Madeira Wine landed at your place by Cap^{t}. M^{c}nemara, you must charge fifty (50) Pagodas ℔ Pipe for as we have sold all belonging to our Hoñble Masters here at that price.

The Supply of Cash you have requested shall be sent you, the Rupees by the next Conveyance & the Madrass Pagodas as soon as we receive them, having contracted for them.

From the Accident that befell the Ingeram Bales and the whole has been provided at that place & yours being far short of what We expected, we have not been able to compleat the Winchelsea's Loading and to dispatch her for Europe at this Season, wherefore have sent her Round to Tellicherry to take in what pepper may be remaining there after the Dispatch of the several Ships home from thence and have order'd her to return hither again in May at which time we intend to dispatch her for England, therefore would have you send Us by the first good Conveyance that Offers what Cloth You may have ready cur'd.

On this Ship takes Passage Mr: James Munro recommended out by the Company whom we have appointed to act as Surgeon at your place, at the same Salary and Allowances as Mr. Turing had, to commence from the 1st. Inst.

We are

GENTLEMEN.

Your affectionate Friends

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROOKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD PRINCE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

FORT ST. DAVID
5TH. MARCH 1748/9.

N°. 27

TO CAPT. CHRISTOPHER BARON
OF SHIP WINCHELSEA.

SR.

We have received your Letters of the 18th. & 26th. Insts. and notwithstanding as you mention You have hitherto met with contrary Wind & Currents, we would have you make a further Tryal to gain your passage round Ceylone though If you imagine it cannot be done in time for your Ship to be here again by the 20th. of May, We direct that you return back as We before directed in the Instructions We gave you under date the 28th. Ultimo.

We are

SIR

Your Affectionate Friends

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROOKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD PRINCE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

FORT ST. DAVID
30TH. MARCH 1748/9.

N°. 28

TO THE HONBLE WILLIAM WAKE ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have been favoured with your Letter of The 24th. Ultimo as also the Duplicate of that of the 14th. the Original of which came by the Cudalore Sloop, has not reached us. When we receive the Gunpowder by her we shall Credit your Presidency for the same as also for what pepper she may bring from Tellicherry, as you mention in your Letter of the 24th.

We observe what your Honr. &ca. say concerning The loading of Sundry Goods on board our Honble Masters Ships Royal Duke and Elizabeth, and that you were in expectation of receiveing our Directions concerning those Ships. But as they have not yet been deliver'd over to us by Admiral Boscawen and were sent to your place by him to bring the necessary Stores &ca. for his squadron we can give you no Answer thereto, thô we are informd that at Governor Wakes desire to have the Elizabeth deliver'd over to him the Admiral has sent Orders for its being done.

The Admiral having discharg'd the Chesterfield from his Majesties Service, that She might not lay idle We have resolved to send her to Madagascar, for a Cargo of Slaves which are not only wanted at the West Coast, but will be very Serviceable here though as this is the first time of any Vessells being sent this Voyage from hence we are unacquainted with what Allowances to make the Commander for his trouble and to the Surgeon for his care of the Slaves, therefore are to request Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will inform us, what were granted to Cap^{t}. Bagwell of the Resolution and his Surgeon, who went on the like Voyage from your place as we are Inform'd.

In our last of the 2^{d}. Instant a Duplicate of which is inclos'd, we advis'd your Hon^{r}. &ca. of the arrival here of the Honble Companys Ship Pelham and we are since inform'd from the President & Council of Fort William that the Somerset has Imported there, As We are inform'd by the Advices Lately arriv'd from China that Sandall Wood bears a high Price there, We desire your Hon^{rs}. &c^{a}. will send directions to the Chief and Factors at Tellicherry to use their utmost Endeavours to procure the Quantity, We have requested & design to send on these Ships and as the Winchelsea may probably not be able to gain her passage round Ceylone this Season having as yet got no further than Negapatam, that in such case they will put it on board some other Ships bound hither as also the Timber & plank.

We are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
31ST. MARCH 1749.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble servants

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROOKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD PRINCE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

N°. 29

To CAP^{T}. CARTER
OF SHIP CHESTERFIELD.

SIR

You are hereby Order'd to Weigh Anchor, and Wind & Weather Permitting, make the best of Your way to Madagas^{r}. and as we judge the Westward Side of the Island will be the most proper place for the purchasing slaves, You must first touch at S^{t}. Augustines and from thence range along all the West side, the Principal Ports being Young Owl, Mandeota New & Old Messelege, At which Ports we think You cannot fail of getting the Number of Negroes we require Viz^{t}. 300 Negro Men & fifty Women from the Age of twelve to twenty five years and we depend upon your Care y^{t}. they are no ways Deform'd and in health, for the purchaise of them we have laden on board Your ship sundry Articles as ℔ Invoice herewith deliver'd You and You are to bargain for Them at the best rates you can we judge you will be able to Compleat the above Number by the end of July and we direct that You return hither the Inner Passage and through the Eight degree Channel that You may Arrive on this Coast the latter end of August or the beginning of September, You are upon no Account to stay longer on the Trading Scheme than the last of July, at which time you are to sail for this place although You are considerably deficient of the Number of Slaves we are in want of.

Notwithstanding the above directions, if on Your Arrival at any of the Ports before mention'd you get intelligence that Slaves may be easier procur'd at any other ports you have our permission to go thither, but you are not upon any account, whatever to remain at any Port longer than the time before Specyfied.

We have put on board your ship four Leaguers of Arrack for the Service of the Slaves & presents as also 10 Peices of Blue Cloth with which you are to Cloath them, and you must take particular Care to have a sufficient Quantity of Provisions and Water on board for them, and be always on your Guard to prevent their Rising as has frequently happened, We also direct that they recieve no ill Treatment on board.

FORT ST. DAVID
31ST. MARCH 1749.

CHARLES FLOYER
&c^a. Council.

N°. 30

TO THE WORSHIPLL. THOMAS BYFIELD ESQR.
CHIEF &c^a. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

WORSHLL. SIR & SIRS

Contrary Winds & Currents having drove the Winchelsea back to Negapatam & the Season being now very late We are not without apprehension that She will be obliged to return back again without gaining her passage round Ceylone though We have sent Orders to the Commander to make another Tryal to effect it, which if he should not be able to do, The Timber and Plank and Sandall Wood we wrote to You about in our Letter of the 25th. Febry. we are to desire You will not omitt sending Us: by some of the Shipping Bound here that may touch at your Place.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID
3D. APRIL 1749.

WORSHLL. SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servants

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROOKE [*sic*].
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD PRINCE.
" "
ALEXR. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

N°. 31

TO THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
CHIEF &c^a. COUNCIL OF VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

We have received the Duplicate of your Letter of the 6th. Ultimo, but yet the original has not reach'd us, By the Ship Success bound to your place, We have sent You a Supply of 10,000 Madras Pagoda's which is all we can procure at present, but shall send you some more as We can get them for the carrying on your Investment which we are glad to hear goes on well, but if we dont shortly receive a Supply of Cash from Europe we fear We shall be oblig'd to direct You, to put a stop thereto, as we are at present very bare of that Article which is the reason of our sending You no Rupees, as We wrote You in our last we intended & should You be in want thereof for your Current Expences, you must make use of the Pagoda's for that purpose, such part of your Indents for Wares and Stores as We are able to comply with we shall do by this Ship for which you have Invoices & Bills of Lading inclos'd, The Emboss'd Cloth which you represent to be much Damag'd & to have lain a Considerable while in your Godowns, You have our permission to sell at Publick Outcry, for the most it will fetch as there appears no better method of disposing of it.

Our Honble Masters having sent Us by the Pelham, some new Regulations for the Forming and Disciplining the Military here, We therefore inclos'd send You a Copy thereof and direct that you comply therewith as near as you can able [*sic*] We would have the Military at your Place formed into a Company in the Manner mention'd in the said Regulations and have appointed Lieut. Peter Love Capt. thereof whose Commission to act as such is inclos'd but notwithstanding we would have him come up here by the first Conveyance that offers, Mr. John Turnbull We have appointed to be Lieutenant and Mr. Edward Lewis to be Ensign both which take their Passage on this Ship and on their Arrival must act in those Stations, The Court of Directors have also been pleas'd to order their Covenanted Servants to be paid at Eight Shillings ℔ Pagoda, as also their Military which You will observe by the aforesaid Regulations therefore we direct that you act according thereto, our Method of paying the latter here is as follows, We make monthly Payments to the Captain or Commanding Officer of the Company which he pays out to his Men at two payments Viz^{t}. the first of the month and the 15th. To each Serjeant 5 Pagoda's ℔ month, to each Corporal or Drummer 3 Pigoda's Six Fanams to each private European 2½ Pagoda's and to each Topass two Pagoda's, the Overplus is to remain in the Paymasters Hands as a fund for Cloathing the Men and as soon as the Cloathing is made and they are put on what may remain as a Ballance after the Cloathing is paid for is to be paid to the Capt. as his profit, on the Cloathing of his Company, as the pay of the Topass is two Pags. ℔ month, there must remain in the Paymasters Hands two pence ℔ day for each Topass to make good their Cloathing, that will make their pay 21 Shillings Sterling for each month of 30 days and 21 shillings and 2 pence when the month has 31 days, You will see by the Regulations, that there is no provision made for Topasses but as there is a Necessity of having some to do the day Duty in order to save the Europeans We have fixed their pay as before mention'd and you may keep enough to compleat the Company to One hundred.

By the Arrival here of His Majesty's Ship the Pembroke Yesterday from Colombo, We are inform'd that the Syren Man of War of twenty Guns from England which Place she left the 28th. August has put in there, having by the length of her passage greatest part of her People Sick When she came away. The Peace was not Proclaim'd, but great preparations were making for it, and all the French and Spanish Ports were open to the Ships of our Nation, We expect to see her here in a few days, and that she has a packet for Us from the Honble: Court of Directors.

Having appointed Mr. Thomas Heath to be an Assistant to Mr. Andrews at Ganjam He therefore now takes his passage on this ship for your place and from thence will proceed to Ganjam.

The Honble: Court of Directors having thought proper to acquaint Us that they utterly deny the Exclusive right the Dutch pretend to have in Opium in the Streights of Malacca, & to the Eastward, and to order Us to make publick Declaration of the same by fixing their order at all our Factorys as they hear the Dutch did at theirs, We therefore send You inclos'd a Copy of what we have fixed at our Gates and direct that it be done at that of Your Factory.

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

FORT ST. DAVID
8TH. APRIL 1749.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROOKE [*sic*].
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD PRINCE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

N°. 32

To Mr. John Andrews
Resident at Ganjam.

Sr.

That there may be some Person in case of any accident happening to You to take Charge of our Honble: Masters Affairs at Your place, and likewise to assist You in carrying on the Companys Business there, We have therefore Appointed Mr. Thomas Heath Writer to that station who accordingly now takes passage on the Ship Success to Vizagapatam from whence He will proceed to You, His time commences from the 8th. of June last and he has been paid his salary to the 25th. Ultimo and Diet Money for this month & his Travelling Charges.

The Honble Company having been pleas'd to order their Covenanted Servants as well as Military to be paid a Pagoda for eight Shillings, We therefore direct that you comply with this Order in regard to what Payments You have to make at your place.

Our Cash being very low at present, We cannot furnish you with any more till we receive a further Supply from Europe when you may depend upon having some.

We are

Fort St. David.
7th. April 1749.

Sr.
Your Affectionate Friends & Servts.

Charles Floyer.
Edward Crooke [*sic*].
Stringer Lawrence.
Richard Prince.
William Holt.
Alexr. Wynch.
Foss Westcott.

P.S. You must allow Mr. Heath, His Travelling Charges to your Place from Vizagapatam.

N°. 33

To the Honble: William Barwell Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have Receiv'd your Favours of the 9th. & 11th. February And as You write for a Quantity of Redwood, We have agreed with the owners of the Ship Success bound to Vizagapatam for her to call at Dourassapatam in her way to the Bay and to take in such part as She is able of what is lying there. The freight for which is left to your Honr. &ca. to determine on her arrival with You. The Master having Orders to give a Receipt for the Quantity He takes on board, on Acct. with the cost thereof shall be sent You as soon as We are furnished therewith.

By the Pembroke Man of War's arrival here two days past from Colombo we are advis'd that His Majesty's Ship the Syren of 20 Guns from England which She left to your Honr. &ca. to determine on her arrival with You. The Master having from the length of her passage being all very Sickly, When she left England Peace was not proclaim'd, but great proparitions [*sic*] were making for it and all the Spanish and French ports were open to the Ships of our Nation As yet we have rece'd No

Packet by her from our Honble Masters tho imagine there must certainly be one on board her for Us or your Presidency as We are informed She has 50 Chests of Treasure board.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID
8TH. APRIL 1749.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Humble servants

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROOKE [*sic*].
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD PRINCE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

N°. 34

TO THE HONBLE: WILLIAM WAKE ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We now send You The Duplicate of our last Letter to your Honr. &ca. of the 31st. Ultimo and the occasion of this is to advise You of the melancholly accident that has happened to a number of ships and Vessells upon this Coast by a violent gale of Wind that came on the 13th. Instant and lasted two days which drove Ashore Five and forty between Negapatam and Sadrass and several others that happen'd to be in the Offing carried away all their Masts, Among the former are his Majesty's ships Namure and Pembroke who were both lying at anchor in this Road till the Evening of the 13th. when they Slip'd or Cut their Cables and put out but the Wind being far Easterly, they could neither of them Weather Cauldron point which is about ten Leagues to the Southward of this place, wherefore the Namure after She had carried away her Masts came to an Anchor & soon after founder'd, and the pembroke struck as She was trying to get round with as much Sail set [*sic*] as She could carry & immediately Split to Peices, of the Crew of the former only 27 were saved & of the latter but eight, that aboard those two Ships have perished about 950 Men, The Appollo Man of War we fear has met with the same fate as we hear of Vessells being a Shore near a place call'd Devecotah to the south ward and she was seen in the heighth of the Gale near that place & very nigh the Shore, that doubtless it must be her on board of whom was about 330 Men; Our Honble Masters Ships Winchelsea and Lincoln have fared no better being both drove ashore about a Quarter of a Mile to the Southward of this Place & the Sea being very high carryed them so far upon the Strand that they lost very few of their Hands & their Hulls are still entire, but the Prins. Augusta was dashed all to peices about Seven or eight Miles to the Southward, some part of the Crew of which Ship perish'd, The Honble Companys Ships Somerset, Royal George and Rhoda that arriv'd here the 16th. from Bengal met with the Gale of Ceylone, the latter of which had liked to have overset, the Wind having laid her quite upon her side at which time her Cargo Shifted in the Hold, but upon cutting away her Topmasts She righted again & came off only with that loss and the others escaped without any, The Edgbaston that was bound for the Southward lost all her Masts and is in a very bad Condition at present, off Pondicherry where she has rece'd great assistance from Monsr. Dupleix, The Tartar & Deal Castle with the Swallow Sloop Man of War, that were also bound to the Southward carried away all their Masts & are at present lying in our Road as are several other Dismasted Country Ships many of which also were wrecked but as yet we are not acquainted with how many belonging to each Nation for Our Neighbours the French and Dutch have met with the same bad Fortune.

The 7th. Instant we receiv'd Advice by the Unfortunate Ship Pembroke who arriv'd here that day from Colombo that the Syren Man of War of twenty Guns, from England, which She left the 28th. August had put in there greatest part of her people being down with the Scurvy, wherefore She purpos'd to stay there some days to recover them, When She came away, as the Packet She brought out for Admiral Boscawen mentions, The peace was not proclaim'd but great preparations were making for it and the Ships of our Nation had free Access to the French & Spanish Ports, We are in daily Expectation of seeing her here and imagine there must Certainly be a packet for Us from the Honble Court of Directors on board her as we are inform'd they have sent out some Treasure on her.

Last Night after having wrote so far came to hand Your Honr. &ca. Favour of the 12th. Ultimo containg. the Extract of Europe News &c. Papers.

We are

Fort St. Davids
21st. April 1749.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants

Charles Floyer.
Edward Crooke [*sic*].
Stringer Lawrance [*sic*].
Richard Prince.
William Holt.
Alexr. Wynch.
Foss Westcott.

No. 35

To the Worshipfull: Thomas Byfield Esqr.,
Chief &ca. Factors of Tellicherry.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Winchelsea after making a further Attempt to gain her passage round Ceylone not being able to effect it returnd here again the 7th. Instant and very unfortunately with forty four more Vessells was wrecked by a very hard Gale of Wind that We had here the 13th. & 14th. Instant amongst which number were His Majestys Ships Namure and Pembroke both of which were at Anchor in this Road till the 13th. in the Evening when they cut or slipt their Cables and endeavour'd to get out to Sea but the Wind being far Easterly, they could neither of them weather Cauldroon Point which lyes to the Southward of this place about ten Leagues wherefore the former came to an Anchor and very soon foundred and the latter struck as She was endeavouring to get round it with all the Sail out She could carry & split immediately, on board of which Ships about 950 Men perished & not above thirty five sav'd their Lives, The Lincoln with the Winchelsea came a Shore about a Quarter of a Mile to the Southward of the Fort, & lost very few of their people, the Hulls of which Ships are still entire, but our Honble Masters Ship Prs. Augusta that was wrecked a few miles to the Southward had several of her Hands drowned, The Appollo Man of War we are not without Apprehensions has shard the same Fate, As there is no News of her & She was seen in the heighth of the Storm very near in Shore, close by a place to the Southward calld Deve Cotah, where we are inform'd there is a Ship wreck'd but cant get any further Information of her: The Tarter, Deal Castle & Swallow Sloop Man of War with the Honble: Companys Ship Edgebaston that were all going to the Southward, carried away all their Masts, the three former of which are in our Road, and the latter off Pondicherry very much Shatter'd where Mr. Dupleix has greatly assisted her. The Somerset Royal George and Rhoda who arriv'd here the 16th. from Bengll. met with the Gale of Ceylone but very fortunately none but the Rhoda suffer'd any thing to speak of which Ship was very near being overset, the Wind having laid her upon her Broad Side when her

Cargo Shifted in the Hold, but upon her cutting away her Topmasts she soon righted tho is Shatterd a good deal as also several Country Ships, that are now lying in our Road, of which a Number also were wreck'd, and some belonging to both the French and Dutch.

The 7th. Instant we rece'd Advice by the Unfortunate Ship pembroke who arriv'd here that day from Colombo that the Syren man of War of twenty Guns from England which she left the 28th. August, had put in there greatest part of her people being Sick from the length of her passage, wherefore She staid [*sic*] there to recover them. When she came away as the packet she brought out for Admiral Boscawen mentions the Peace was not proclaim'd but great preparations were makeing for it, and the Ships of our Nation had free Access to the French and Spanish Ports, We are in daily expectation of seeing her here and imagine there must certainly be a packet for Us from the Honble Court of Directors on board her as we are inform'd they have sent out some Treasure on her.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID
21ST. APRIL 1749.

WORSHLL. SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servants

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROOKE [*sic*].
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD PRINCE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

N°. 36

TO THE WORSHLL. RICHD. BOURCHIER ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS OF ANJENGO.

WORSHLL. SIR & SIRS

We are to acknowledge the Receipt of your Favours bearing date the 17th. Instant, and are concern'd to write to you upon so unpleasant a Subject as the present which is to advise of the terrible Disaster that has happened to a great Number of Vessells on this Coast by a Violent Gale of Wind, coming on the 13th. Instant, which lasted all that and the next day, and proved very fatal to five and forty Sail that were all laying at anchor when it commenced, besides which several that were in the Offing carried away their Masts and suffered greatly in their Hulls amongst the former are his Majesty's Ships Namure and Pembroke, who in the Evening of the 13th. cut or slip'd their Cables & attempted to get out to sea but the Wind being far Easterly they could not weather Cauldron point which is about ten Leagues to the Southward of this Place wherefore the former came to an anchor and in a short space of time foundered, & the latter struck with as much sail out as She could carry in trying to get round and immediately slpit [*sic*] to peices, On board of which two Ships near Nine hundred and fifty men have perish'd & but thirty five were saved out of them both, There being no News of the Appollo Man of War that was going to the Southward we are not without Apprehensions that she must be wreck'd also and what Inclines us the more to imagine so is that We have rece'd, information of a large Ship being a shore near a place call'd Deve Cotah to the Southward, & in the heighth of the Storm She was seen very nigh the Shore & close by that Place that we fear She must certainly be gone, on board of whom was three hundred and thirty Men. The Honble Compys. Ship Winchelsea that returnd here a few days ago not being able to get round Ceylone, with the Lincoln were both wreck'd about a Quarter of a Mile to the Southward of this place and lost very few of their People, being drove pretty high on the Shore. The Prs. Augusta was also wreck'd to the Southward & immediately split to peices but most of her people Sav'd their Lives, The Somerset, Royal George & Rhoda who arriv'd here the 16th. from Bengal met

with the Gale off Ceylone, But very fortunately none but the Rhoda sufferd any thing to speak of, which Ship was very near being overset, the Wind having laid her upon her Broad Side when her Cargo Shifted in the Hold, but upon her cutting away her Topmasts She soon righted though is shatterd a good deal The Edgebaston that was bound to the Southward lost all her Masts and is in a very bad Condition at present off Pondicherry where She has Receiv'd great Assistance from Monsr. Dupleix, The Tarter, Deal Castle with the Swallow Sloop Men of War that were also bound to the Southward carried away all their Masts and are at present lying in our Road as are several other Dismasted Country Vessels many of which also were wrecked, but as yet we are not acquainted with how many belonging to each Nation for our Neighbours the French & Dutch have met with the same bad Fortune.

The 7th. Instant we reciev'd Advice by the Unfortunate Ship Pembroke who arriv'd here that day from Colombo that the Syren Man of War of twenty Guns from Engld. which she left the 28th. August, had put in there greatest part of her people being sick from the length of her passage wherefore She staid [*sic*] there to recruit them, When She came away, as the Packet She brought for Admiral Boscawens mentions, The Peace was not proclaim'd but great preparations were making for it, and all the French and Spanish Ports were open to our Ships. We are daily in expectation of seeing her here and imagine She must have brought Us out a packet from our Honble Masters as We are inform'd She has some Treasure.

We are

FORT St. DAVID
21st. APRIL 1749.

WORSHLL. SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servants

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROOKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD PRINCE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

N°. 37

To MR. ROBERT GOODERE
RESIDENT AT INGERAM.

SR.

We have rece'd your Several Letters of the 5th. & 15th. March as also the two Hundred Bales of Callicoe your sending Us which by the Phoenix Snow, notwithstanding You had recievd no Directions from us at that time for doing so, meets with our approbation and We would have you in future take all good Opportunitys of sending Us, The Quantity You have on HAND when they may offer that is cur'd, tho none but what is so, as we shall with what we provide here, and the Quantity we recievd brown from Your Place last Year, keep our Washers fully Employ'd, We are concernd to hear, that your Merchants have behav'd so ill as to bring in very little that could be taken in and hope they will keep up to their promise of Amendment, & procuring a large Quantity by the End of the Year which we must recommend to you to do all in Your power to prevent their deviateing from.

By a very Violent Gale of Wind that came on here the 13th. Ultimo and lasted all that and the next day upwards of forty Vessells were lost among which his Majestys Ships Namure and Pembroke with our Honble : Masters Ships Prs. Augusta Lincoln and Winchelsea, from the two former not above thirty of their Crew were sav'd tho of the Prs. Augusta greatest part, and only one or two belonging to the two last Were drowned As they were both drove very High on the Shore and near

the Fort His Majestys. Ship the Appollo and the St. Francis Snow a Tender to the Squadron are both also missing and it is much to be fear'd have met with the same Fate.

Our Hoñble Masters having been pleas'd to order that all their covenanted Servants be paid in future after the rate of eight Shillings Each pagoda, You will therefore comply therewith, And they having sent out orders relating to the Trade of Opium which the Dutch pretend an Exclusive right to, and directed Us to put the same at all our Gates as well as those of the Subordinate Factorys, we therefore Inclosd send You One to be Affixed at that of yours.

Such of the Wares and Stores You have Indented for, as We can spare we have sent you by this Vessell & shall forward the remainder when we recieve further Supplys thereof.

On this Vessell We send You a supply of five thousand 5000 Madrass Pagoda's, and Mr. Alexander Baird to be an Assistant at your Place takes his Passage on her also.

We are

Fort St. David
8th. May 1749.

Sir,
Your affectionate Friends

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
Stringer Lawrence.
Richard Prince.
William Holt.
Alexr. Wynch.
Foss Westcott.

List of the Packet to Ingeram & Snow Phenix.

No. 1 General Letter to Ingeram May 1749.
2 Invoice of Sundries Shipped on the Phenix Snow Amountg. to [189 : 18 : 71].
3 Bill of Lading for Do.
4 Invoice of five thousand Pagoda's Shipped on the Snow Phenix for Ingeram.
5 Bill of Lading for Do.
6 Declaration concerning the Dutch. . . . . .

Fort St. David
9th. May 1749.

Charles Bourchier *Secretary.*

No. 38

To the Worshll. Wake Esqr.
President & Governor &ca. Council of Bombay.

Honble: Sir & Sirs

Herewith we inclose to your Honr. &ca. a Letter for the Hoñble Court of Directors which we are to request may be forewarn'd with all possible Expedition and you will also recieve inclos'd the Duplicate of our last to Your Honour &ca. bearing date the 21st. April.

By the Syren Man of War who Imported here the 30th. Ultimo, we receivd a packet from our Honble: Masters bearing date the 21st: July, wherein they Inform us that the Portfield reach'd Lisbon the 8th. July 1748 and the Illchester got to the Bay of all Saints in the Brazills the 4th. April 1748.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID.
11TH. MAY 1749.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obet. Humble Servants
CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD PRINCE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

P.S. The 7th. Instant a Danes Ship arriv'd at Tranquebar from Europe having left the Sound the 7th. Novbr. & St. Jago the 13th. Janry. N S who brings advice that a general Peace was concluded the 17th. Octr. but as yet neither We nor the French have rece'd any advice of it.

N°. 39

TO THE HONBLE WILLIAM BARWELL ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE: SIR & SIRS

Inclos'd you will receive Duplicate of our last bearing Date the 8th. Ultimo by the Success since when Imported with us His Majestys Ship Syren by whom We received a General Letter from our Honble: Masters of the 21st. July and one also for your Honour: &ca: having Information from the Commander that He had on Board fifty Chests of Treasure consign'd to your Honour &ca. as our Stock was at that time no more than four Chests, to enable Us to send our Honble: Masters Ships Pelham, and Somerset to China, They wanting 25 Chests with 5 for the Delawar we have therefore landed the Same and shall accordingly Dispatch the former in a very few days, and the latter as soon as she is clear of the Stores She has on board belonging to HIS MAJESTY.

Your Honour &ca. several Favours of the 28th. Febry. & 2d. March by the Royal George, Rhoda & Somerset have been duely reced; and on the Rhoda came Mr. Speck who has been paid his Salary and monthly allowances here as your Honr. &ca mentiond He had not rece'd them at your place, The Rice &c by those Ships have also been rece'd, and in our next we shall acquaint You of the condition thereof.

In consequence of the Paragraph in your Letter of the 9th. Febry. by the Prs. Augusta, concerning the Coral you mention'd therein to be remaining in your Ware house, Which had never been demanded, We accordingly shewed the account You inclos'd to Us to all the Gentlemen here who have consignments of that Article from Europe, and if any of them, can lay claim to any part thereof we have desir'd them to direct their Attorneys at your place to acquaint You therewith which, we doubt not they will do.

The Mint Utensils by the Prs. Augusta were duely rece'd, as also the Sundry's You sent Us by her.

It is with no small Concern that we are to acquaint You of the said Accident that has happend to a Number of Vessells on this Coast, by a Violent Gale of Wind that came on the 13th. Ultimo and lasted all that and the next day, among which number were His Majestys Ships Namure and Pembroke both which lay at Anchor in this Road till the Evening of the 13th. when they either cut or slip'd their Cables and attempted to get out to sea, but the Wind being far Easterly they could neither of them Weather Cauldroon Point which lyes about ten Leagues to the Southward of this place wherefore the Namure after having lost her Masts came to an Anchor and in a short Space of time foundered, and the Pembroke Struck upon the point endeavouring to get round it. & immediately Split to peices, On board of which two ships near nine hundred & fifty Men perished and only thirty five were saved out of both; Our Honble: Masters Ships Prs. Augusta, Lincoln & Winchelsea, were likewise drove a shore of the former most of the Crew were saved and the two latter lost not above one or two People, they both being drove pritty high on the Land and near the Fort, His Majesty's Ship the Apollo and the St. Francis Snow a Tender to the Squadron are both also missing and it's much to be feard have met with the same Fate, The Tartar, Deal Castle, & Swallow Sloop Men of War, with our Honble: Masters Ship Edgebaston that were going to the Southward lost all their Masts and the latter was so much Shatterd that the Chief Mate who has taken Upon him the Command of her since Capt. Herefords Death, wrote the Admiral word She was not able to work up here from Pondicherry where she fell in with, therefore He should proceed for your Port, and in a few Hours after, set sail accordingly, where we hope She is arriv'd in Safety.

By this Ship We have sent You the Packet rece'd from the Honble: Company for your Presidency His Majesty's Ship the Syren for which Capt. Robertsons Receipt comes Inclos'd.

We are

Fort St. David
14th. May 1749.

Honble. Sir & Sirs
Your most Humble Servants
Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
Stringer Lawrence.
Richard Prince.
William Holt.
Alexr. Wynch.
Foss Westcott.

N°. 40

To His Excellency the Right Honble Gustavus William
Baron Van Imhoff Governour General
for all affairs of the Honble: Netherlands
East India Company, at Batavia.

Right Honble: Sir

This Address waits on you by our Honble: Masters Ship the Royal George, whom we dispatch to your Port for a few Necessary's we have Occasion for from thence: and We desire Your Excellency will be so good to favour the Commandr. with your Countenance & Assistance in procuring the same, in which Instance of your kind regard, We shall esteem our selves very much oblig'd.

By a Dane Ship from Europe that arriv'd at Tranquebar the 7th. Instant & left the sound the 7th. of November we have advice that the Peace was concluded the 17th. of October & we have a further Confirmation of this by a Vessell that arrived

a few days ago, at Porto Novo, from Bussourah, so that notwithstanding we have yet no Advice from Home of this Important & happy Event, We think we may venture to congratu^te^. your Excellency upon it.

We have the Honour to remain with perfect Esteem.

FORT S^T^. DAVID
14^TH^. MAY 1749.

Your Excellencys
Most Obedient Humble Servants

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROOKE [*sic*].
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD PRINCE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEX^R^. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

N°. 41

TO CAP^T^. THOMAS FIELD
OF SHIP ROYAL GEORGE.

S^R^

You are hereby ordered to repair on Board & make the best of your way for the port of Batavia on your arrival at which place You are to purchase with the three Chests of Treasure, We have put on board Your Ship the following Cargoe.

One hundred and fifty Leaguers of arrack as much Teak Timber and Plank as You can procure, of a Good Breadth and thickness proper for Gun Carriages, and what Money You may have remaining after you have bought the foregoing You will lay out in Anchors from 48^cwt^ downwards.

As the Season is now so far advanced as to render the gaining your passage somewhat precarious, We therefore hereby direct that in case you are prevented by contrary Winds & other Accidents getting to your Consign'd Port so as to return here by the 10^th^. September; That you then proceed to Fort Malbro: on the West Coast of Sumatra & after you have taken on board proper refreshments for your People return hither again immediately.

We are
S^R^.
Your Humble Servants

FORT S^T^. DAVID
14^TH^. MAY 1749.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROOKE [*sic*].
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD PRINCE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEX^R^. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT

N°. 42

TO MESS^RS^. GEORGE MANDEVILL &
JOHN GOODERE SUPRA CARGOE'S OF SHIP DELAWAR.

1. Your Ship Delawar being gone without You on Her Voyage for Benjar & China we take this first opportunity of forwarding You to China on Ship Pelham & we have orderd Capt^n^. Lindsay to receive You, the Company's Linguist & Your two Servants on board this Ship.

2. As the Honble: Company were pleas'd to order an additional Stock to what already on the Delawar of Five thousand Pounds we have laden the same on Ship Pelham which with the Factory Stores Presents & Necessary's for your Factory at China & elsewhere as also some Redwood, We consign to you as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Loading herewith deliverd you.

3. As it may be the Companys Interest to have the Money Consign'd you Invested in Tinn for the China markett we permit you to call at Cudda Sallangore or any other port or ports in the Streights of Mallacca & if you can Invest your Money in Terms so cheap as you think will Yield a Profit in China to do so & Carry it on Ship Pelham on the Honble. Company's Account recommending to you not to lett this take up too much time & if you find it not to be done without making your arrival in China very late We think it more the Companys Interest to lett it alone as an Early arrival in China will necessarily give your Ship an Early Dispatch for England which must be agreeable to our Honble. Masters.

We have order'd Capt. Lindsay when he arrives in the Streights of Mallacca to touch at such Ports as you shall direct & to stay in those Ports till He receives your Orders for Sailing thence & to Accommodate You with the Ships Boats Arm'd Men & other necessarys & to act in such manner as you think may be requisite for negotiating Your purchasing the Tinn & for the Honble: Companys Interest in every other Respect.

We recommend to You to be always on Your Guard both with respect to Your Persons & the Honble Compys. Properity [*sic*] as the Natives in the Streights of Mallacca are very Treacherous & that you also Recommend it to Capt. Lindsay to use the same Caution on board his Ship.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID
19TH. MAY 1749.

GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROOKE [*sic*].
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD PRINCE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

LIST OF PAPERS IN THE PACKET DELIVER'D MESSRS. MANDEVILLE & GOODERE.

No. 1. Instructions to Messrs. Mandeville and Goodere.
2. Copy of Orders to Captn George Lindsay.
3. Invoice of 10 Chests Bullion consignd. to such Supra Cargoes at China as shall have Power to receive & Negotiate the Business of that Ship there amg. to Pags. 24110. 3. 20.
4. Bill of Lading for Ditto.
5. Invoice of Sundries Shipp'd on board the Pelham consign'd to Messrs. Mandeville & Goodere, being part of the Delawars Cargoe; amountg. to Pags. 12222. 33. 28.
6. Bill of Lading for Ditto.
7. Copy of Ship Pelham's Charterparty.

FORT ST. DAVID 20TH. MAY 1749.

CHARLES BOURCHIER
Secretary.

N°. 43

To Capt. George Lindsay
Commander of Ship Pelham.

Sr.

1. Our Honble: Masters having Orderd that Your Ship Pelham should proceed from hence for China We have Laden on Board Ten Chests Bullion which You are to Deliver to such Supra Cargoes as you shall find at China with Directions from the Honble: Company to Negotiate the Business of your Ship & Cargoe there.

2. We have also Laden on board Your Ship Pelham Five Chests of Bullion,

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of Redwood, & Sundry Stores & Necessary's part of Ship Delawars Stock which are Consign'd to Mr. George Mandeville & Mr. John Goodere Supra Cargoes of the Delawar & which are to be Deliver'd to them at such places & in such manner as they shall Direct.

3. You are hereby Orderd to receive on board Ship Pelham the said Messrs. Mandeville & Goodere, & to accomodate them with the great Cabbin, as also John Jones the Company's Linguest & Alexr. Willson & John Mully, The Supra Cargoes two Servants.

4. As Messrs. Mandevill & Goodere are Directed by Us to Invest the Company's Money (Consigned to them) in Tinn when you arrive in the Straights of Mallacca You are to Sail to Cudda Sallangore or any other Port or Ports in the said Streights as they shall order you to & to stay at such Port or Ports till you shall receive Sailing Orders from them. And You are to accommodate them with Your Ships Boats with sufficient Men in them well Arm'd & what other Necessarys they may want at such times & in such Manner as They shall think for the Company's Service in procuring the Tinn &c.

5. You are to take care that neither Your self or any of Your Officers or Ships Company attempt to Negotiate any Business or Trade at any of the Ports in the Streights of Mallacca in such manner as may Prejudice the Company's Business under the Management of the Supra Cargoe's, Untill they have laid out the Stock they carry with them for that purpose, when we have no Objection to your self or Officers, furnishing Yourselves with such adventures as You may think proper to carry on your own accounts.

6. As the Natives in the Straights of Mallacca are very treacherous You must take care to keep a good Watch & your People Arm'd on board Your Ship for fear of a Surprise & not suffer too many Mallâyo's to come on board Your Ship at one Time.

7. Whereas the Dutch have pretended to an Exclusive Right of Trade in Opium & other Commoditys in the Streights of Mallacca & other Seas to the Eastward. This pretension of Right of an Exclusive Trade Our Honble: Masters deny & will not Submitt to & have orderd us to Empower the Commanders of all their Ships to Resist any Hostilities the Dutch may be guilty of & to make reprisals not only in defence of themselves but also English country. Ships with English Passes & Brittish Commanders that may be in their Company, We therefore do Empower & Order You that in case the Dutch should pretend to Obstruct the Company's Business or the Business of Your Ship or endeavour to search Your Ship on any pretence whatever or threaten to Act in any Hostile manner or Committ any Hostility against You. That you defend Yourself against any such Attacks & do Your utmost to repell Force by Force, & to make reprizals for any such Violences committed against Your ship or any other Ships that may be in your Company with English Passes Recommending You to Consult Messrs. Mandevill & Goodere on any such Occasion.

8. When the Supra Cargoe's arrive on Board Your Ship You are to make Sail on Your intended Voyage in which we wish You Prosperity.

We are

Sr.

Your Humble Servants

Charles Floyer.
Edward Crooke [*sic*]
Stringer Lawrence.
Richard Prince.
William Holt.
Alexr. Wynch.
Foss Westcott.

Fort St. David.
19th. May 1749.

N°. 44

To the Honble William Barwell Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Having rece'd a packet for your Presidency some days since from the Chief & Factors of Tellicherry We now send it you inclos'd likewise one from the Deputy Governour &ca. Council of St Helena, as also Duplicate of our last with Invoice of the Redwood taken on board by the Success at Dourassapatam for your Presidency, the amount of which You will please to bring to our Credit, & as we can furnish our selves with Conveyances We shall send You a further Supply of that Article.

Capt. Hereford late Commander of our Honble Masters Ships Edgebaston, having contracted a Debt here with one Peter Dencker, to the amount of one hundred and forty four Pagoda's, for Cattle Supplied the Ship with, which his sudden departure from this Place when he last left it would not permit him to discharge, as the said Commander is deceas'd and the Ship gone for your Place, We have reciev'd a petition from Peter Dencker requesting us to discharge the same that He may be enabled to furnish himself with more Cattle for Supplying the other Ships remaining here which He will not have it in his power to do, should he be without that Money, As he is a very useful Person here we have, complied with his request & are to desire Your Honour &c. will be pleas'd to demand the same of the present Commander of the Edgebastion as also the amount of the Inclos'd List of Stores which he was Supplied with by Mr. Dupleix, and when Reciev'd place it to the Credit of this Presidency, as we shall Debt Yours for it.

As We hope to Dispatch two of our Honble Masters Ships for Europe in September, We are to request your Honour &c will be pleas'd to furnish Us with by the earliest Conveyances, that may be coming hither at that Season, four thousand Bags of Salt Petre for the Kintledge of them.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Humble Servants

Charles Floyer.
Edward Crooke [*sic*].
Stringer Lawrence.
Richard Prince.
William Holt.
Alexr. Wynch.
Foss Westcott.

Fort St. David
28. May 1749.

N°. 45

To the Worshll. Joseph Hurlock Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ca. Council
of Fort Marlbrough.

Worshll. Sir & Sirs

The 8th. Ultimo by the Ship Success Galley We recd. your Letter of the 30th. January, wherein We are much Concern'd to read that the Small Pox has been so fatal on your Island as also that by the want of People to cultivate the Pepper plantations, Our Honble Masters are likely to suffer so greatly on their Investments, but We hope that it hath pleas'd God to put a Stop to that Contagious Disease.

Upon the Account You gave Us of the late Insolent Behaviour of the Dutch at Padaug notwithstanding You wrote to Adml. Boscawen thereof, We thought it highly necessary, that he should be acquainted with it also from Us, whereupon We wrote him a Letter and requested him to take Cognizance thereof, in Consequence of which He sent a Letter to the General and Council of Batavia, a Copy whereof We now send You Inclosed, as also of his Answer to Us, by which You will perceive that he is determined to Curb the Insolencies of the Dutch and have Satisfaction for the late Indignities they have offered Us.

The Ps. Augusta whom We wrote You We Should Dispatch to You in January with the Necessary Supplys for your Settlement, not arriving in Bengal till December and wanting a good deal of Repair did not return hither till the Month of March, When as the Lincoln was just discharged from his Majestys Service, and We intend to dispatch her to Batavia, We came to a Resolution to load on her the Supplys for your Settlement, and order her to call in her way to Batavia to deliver them, and had put almost her Cargoe on board when on the 13th. April there came on such a Violent Gale of Wind that not only She but every other Vessell that was at Anchor in this Road perished, among which Number his Majestys Ship Namure and Pembroke on board which 950 Men were lost, and out of them both not above 35 were saved. Belonging to our Honble Masters were lying here besides the Lincoln, the Winchelsea and Ps. Augusta, which also came on shore and we have great Reason to beleive the like Accident has happen'd to his Majestys Ships Apollo and the St. Francis Snow a Tender to the Fleet or that they have founderd as they have been missing ever since the Gale, The French and Dutch between Pullicat and Negapatam Shard the like ill Fortune for not one Vessell belonging to Either of those Nations, that were at Anchor escaped, and the whole Number of Vessels Wreckd are judgd to be about 45, several Vessels that were going down the Coast being in the Offing escap'd with the Loss of only their Masts, and Damaging their Hulls.

In Consequence of the Complaint You made to Us in your Letter of the 10th. April 1748 of Captn. Rannies haveing broke a Contract He enter'd into with You to bring You sundry Supplys from Batavia, We on his Arrival here demanded his Reasons for such a Proceeding in Answer to which He gave us a very Sufficient Plea for not returning to your Place from Batavia and at the same time deliverd Us a paper which He said was a Copy of your Agreement with him, wherefore We now inclose it, which Appearing to Us to be only a Promisory Note of yours to him to receive such a Quantity of Rice and Arrack as should be put on board his Ship by Mr. Combes and to make him certain Allowances for bringing the same and nothing binding on his part We could not but be surprised that You should term it a Contract and make a Complaint of his having broke the same, when to Us there seems to have been no Grounds for it.

Captain Barton having made Us an Offer to carry any thing we might have to send to your Settlement freight Free we have therefore put on board the Success Galley Sundrys as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading Inclosed, and shall very Shortly Dispatch to You a small Vessell, with a further Suppply by whom We hope to send You the News of the Peace being Confirmed having Expectations hourly of seeing a Vessel from Europe.

Inclosed We send You a Packet recd from the Honble Company by the Tartar, for your Settlement which Ship with the Somerset and Pelham left England in June

last, and Arrived here in January as have the other two since and are both Dispatch'd for China having no Advice of the Dolphin as yet We think it's greatly to be fear'd some Accident has happend to her.

If Mr. Richard Smith Writer at your Place is desirous of coming over to take his Standing here, You may permit him so to do.

As We are informed Coals are Produced on your Island, having Occassion for them for our Smiths Work, We direct that You procure a Quantity ready & send them Us by any Conveyance that may be coming to this Place.

The Manifest of what Private Trade is on board this Ship for your Settlement is Inclosed.

And We are

FORT ST. DAVID
5TH. JUNE 1749.

WORSHL. SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servts.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROOKE [*sic*].
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD PRINCE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

P.S. There being no private Trade on bd. the Success Galley to be disposd of particularly at Fort Marlbro is the Reason that there is no Manifest Sent.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO FORT MARLBOROUGH ℔ SHIP SUCCESS GALLEY.

No. 1. A General Letter from the Honourable the Court of Directors ℔ his Majestys Ship the TARTAR.
2. A General Letter from the Hoñble the President & Council of Fort St. David dated 5th. June 1749.
3. A Copy of a Letter from Admiral Boscawen to the General & Council of Batavia dated 14th. May 1749.
4t. Copy of a Letter from Admiral Boscowen to the Governour & Council of Fort St. David dated 14th. May 1749.
5th. Copy of an Agreement between the Dep Govr. & Council of Fort Marlborough & Captn. Rannie.
6. Invoice of Sundrys laden on board Ship Success Galley amountg. to P. 4237. 5. 5.
7. Bill of Lading for Do.

FORT ST. DAVID 5TH. JUNE 1749.

CHARLES BOURCHIER
Secry.

N°. 46

To THE GENTLEMEN SUPRA CARGOES
OF SHIP SOMERSET.

GENTLEMEN

Agreable to the Directions we have recd from the Honble Court of Directors we now Dispatch to You the Ship Somerset on whom we have loaded Ten Chests of Treasure with some Tin and Redwood as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading Inclosed and are

FORT Sᵀ. DAVID
6ᵀᴴ JUNE 1749.

GENTLEMEN
Your most humble Servants
CHARLES FLOYER &cᵃ. Council.

N°. 47

To CAPTAIN THOMAS TOLSON
OF SHIP SOMERSET.

SIR

You are hereby orderd to repair on board and make the best of your way to the Port of Canton in China when on your Arrival you are to deliver the Accompanying Letter to such Supercargoes as shall be orderd by the Honble Court of Directors to Negotiate the Business of your Ship there and to follow all such orders you shall receive from them for your future Proceedings.

And Whereas the Dutch have pretended to an exclusive Right of Trade in Ophium in the streights of Mallacca and other Seas to the Eastward this pretension of right to an exclusive Trade our Honble Masters deny and will not Submit to & have orderd Us to empower the Commanders of all their Ships to resist any Hostilities the Dutch may be guilty of and to make Reprizals not only in defence of themselves but also to English Country Ships with English Passes and British Commanders that may be in their Company We therefore do empower and order You that in case the Dutch should pretend to obstruct the Companys Business or the Business of your Ship or endeavour to search your Ship on any pretence or threaten to Act in any hostile manner or commit any hostility against You that You defend yourself against any such Attacks and do your utmost to repell force by force and to make Reprizals for any such Violences committed against your Ship or any other Ships that may be in your Company, with English Passes. Dated in FORT Sᵗ. DAVID this 6ᵗʰ. Day of June 1749.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROOKE[*sic*].
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD PRINCE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXᴿ. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

N°. 48

To the Honble Libregh Hooreman Esq^R^.
President on the Coast of Choromandell
and Governour of Negapatam &c^A^. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Letter you did Us the Favour to write Us under the 1st. Instant N.S. We have receiv'd with the Preliminary Articles therein containd, and We hope in very few Days to have the pleasure of Advising You that the News of a Peace is Confirm'd being with great Esteem

Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort St. David
9th. June 1749.

Your very assured Friends & very
Obedient humble Servants

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
Stringer Lawrence.
Richard Prince.
William Holt.
Alexander Wynch.
Foss Westcott.

N°. 49

To the Honble William Barwell Esq^R^.
President & Gov^R^. &c. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Admiral Boscawen now dispatching the Elisabeth to your Place for Stores for the Fleet, gives Us an Opportunity of Acknowledging the Receipt of your Favour of the 20th. March, and advising You of the Arrival here of our Honble Masters Ship Griffin Capt^n^. Tho^s^. Dethick from England the 14th. Instant from whence She saild the 26th. January at which time the Peace was not Proclaim'd but great preparations were making for it. There saild in Company with her, The Augusta, Sandwich, Montfort & Tavistock all for this Place and China from whom she parted in a Gale of Wind in the Channell and as yet we have seen none of them, nor can we imagine the Reason why the Dragon has not imported with Us who sail'd three Weeks before any of them. The Supply of Treasure we have rec'd by this Ship is but thirty five Chests, twenty two of which We Shall put on board the Rhoda for China, whom we shall Dispatch in very few days for that Place in Company with the Griffin.

As We Shall have Occassion for a greater Quantity of Salt Petre than We wrote to your Honour &c. for in our last of the 28th. Ultimo a Duplicate of which is now inclosed. We therefore request you will be pleased to send Us two thousand Bags more on the Edgbaston & Elizabeth the Admiral having granted Permission for it.

The 11th. Instant arrived here the Tyral Snow from Bombay which Vessell we shall dispatch to You as soon as we have unloaded what She has on board for this Settlement.

We are

Fort St. David
19th. June 1749.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Most hble Servants

Charles Floyer &c^a^. Council.

N°. 50

To THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL OF VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

We have recd your favour of the 6th. Ultimo to which we shall reply in few days by our Honble Masters Snow the Tryall by whom we purpose to send You a Supply of Treasure.

On the 14th. Instant imported here from England the Hoñble Companys Ship Griffin Captn. Thomas Dethick who saild the 26th. January in Company with the Sandwich Montfort Augusta and Tavistock and Seperated from them in a hard Gale of Wind in the Channell the Dragon saild three Weeks before them but neither She nor any of the rest have yet arriv'd with Us. At the time of this Ships Departure the Peace was not Proclaim'd but great Preparations were making for that Purpose.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID
22D. JUNE 1749.

GENTLEMEN
Your most humble Servants

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROOKE [*sic*]
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD PRINCE.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

N°. 51

To THE GENTLEMEN SUPRA : CARGOES
OF SHIP RHODA.

GENTLEMEN

Having put on board the Rhoda Some Treasure Lead & Tinn as ℘ Invoice & Bill of Lading Inclosed we now dispatch her to You agreable to the directions we have recd from the Honble Court of Directors & are

FORT ST. DAVID
25TH. JUNE 1749.

GENTLEMEN
Your most hble Servants

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD PRINCE.
ALEXANDR. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

N°. 52

To CAPTAIN JOHN MACNEMARA
COMMANDER OF SHIP RHODA.

SIR

You are hereby orderd to repair on board and make the best of your Way to the Port of Canton in China where on your Arrival You are to deliver the accompanying Letter to such Supra Cargoes as shall be orderd by the Hoñble Court of Directors to Negotiate the Business of your Ship there and to follow all such orders You shall receive from them for your future proceedings.

And whereas the Dutch have pretended to an exclusive Right of Trade in Ophium in the Streights of Malacca & other Seas to the Eastward this Pretension of Right to an exclusive Trade Our Honble Masters deny and will not Submit to & have orderd Us to empower the Commanders of all their Ships to resist any Hostilities the Dutch may be guilty of & to make Reprizals not only in Defence of themselves but also English Country ships with English Passes and British Commanders that may be in their Company We therefore do empower and order You that in case the Dutch should Pretend to Obstruct the Companys Business or the Business of your Ship or endeavour to search your Ship on any pretence or threaten to Act in any Hostile manner or commit any Hostility against You that You defend Yourself against any such Attacks and do your utmost to repel Force by Force and to make Reprizals for any such Violences committed against your ship or any other Ships that may be in your Company with English Passes, Dated in Fort St. David this 28th. day of June 1749.

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
Stringer Lawrence.
Richard Prince.
Alexandr. Wynch.
Foss Westcott.
Thomas Cooke.

N°. 53

To Captn. Thomas Dethick
of Ship Griffin.

Sir

You are hereby order'd to repair on board & make the best of your Way to the Port of Canton in China where on your Arrival You are to follow all such Orders You shall receive from your Supra Cargoes for your future Proceedings.

And whereas the Dutch have pretended to an exclusive Right of Trade in Ophium in the Streights of Malacca and other Seas to the Eastward this Pretension of Right to an Exclusive Trade our Honble Masters deny and will not Submit to and have Orderd Us to empower the Commanders of all their Ships to resist any Hostilities the Dutch may be guilty of and to make Reprizals not only in defence of themselves but also English Country Ships with English Passes and British Commanders that may be in their Company. We therefore do Empower and Order You that in Case the Dutch should pretend to Obstruct the Companys Business or the Business of your Ship or endeavour to Search your Ship on any pretence or threaten to Act in any Hostile manner or commit any Hostility against You that You defend yourself against any such Attacks and do your utmost to repell Force by Force and to make Reprizals for any such Violences committed against your Ship or any other Ships that may be in your Company with English Passes Dated in Fort St. David this 27th. day of June 1749.

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
Stringer Lawrence.
Richard Prince.
Alexander Wynch.
Foss Westcott.
Thomas Cooke.

N°. 54

To the Honble William Wake Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last to your Honour &ct. was under date the 11th. May Duplicate of which is inclosed.

Since when came to our hands your Honour &c^{ts}. favours of the 14th. & 15th. April as also the Account of Charges repairing the Brilliant Snow with the five hundred Barrels of Gunpowder laden on board her for this place for both which we shall Credit your Presidency.

We observe that your Honour &c^{t}. have been pleased to take out of the Brilliant Snow the Lead that was on board her amounting to Pagodas 1063. 15. 32 for which we shall debt your Presidency and demand the deficiency of the Captain but must observe to your Honour &c^{t}. that there is a difference in the weight of the 394 Pigs of Lead of Candies 22. 7. 18/2 which we desire your Honour &c^{t}. will inquire into.

On the 15th. May imported here from your Place our Honourable Masters Ship Royal Duke by which Vessell we received your Letter of the 23^{d}. April with 200 Bales of Cotton, as also 251 Bales of Surat Peice Goods for the amount of both which we shall Credit your Presidency and the Cost of the Iron that your Honour &c^{t}. took out of that Ship amounts to Pagodas 1699. 30. 30 for which we shall debt your Place, and desire you will bring it to our Credit in your Books.

On the 21st. May imported here our Honble Masters Ship Elizabeth by whom we received a Letter from M^{r}. Secretary Hodges inclosing the Calculate of Tonage of the Suratt Peice Goods and the Cost of the Iron which your Honour &c^{t}. took out of that Ship amounts to Pagodas 1424. 14. 20 and we desire you will give us Credit for the same.

Agreable to your Honour &c^{ts}. Request in your favour of the 2^{d}. May we shall do our endeavours to enlist such Men for the Service of your Presidency out of the two Battalions that are here under the Command of Admiral Boscawen, But as Major Lawrence is now gone to the Southward we cannot give you any Answer. But when he returns we shall not fail of letting your Honour &c^{t}. know how we succeed;

The Tryall Snow imported here from your Place the 11th. Instant by which Vessell we received your Honour &c^{ts}. favour of the 10th. May and we shall give your Presidency Credit for the several Particulars laden on board her,

On the 14th. Instant imported here from England the Honble Companys Ship Griffin Captain Thomas Dethick who saild thence in Company with the Sandwich Montfort, Augusta and Tavistock the 26th. January but parted from them in a hard Gale of Wind in the Channell the Dragon saild three Weeks before them. At the time of this Ships Departure the Peace was not proclaim'd but great Preparations were making for it,

Yesterday arrived here from England our Honble Masters Ship Sandwich Captain Petre which Ship we purpose dispatching in a few days for China.

The Company have appointed Commissarys out of the Council here to receive Madrass from the French which place is to be subordinate to this till further orders from them.

M^{r}. Barwell's Dismiss'd the Companys Service and M^{r}. Dawson appointed President of Fort William & M^{r}. Eyles Secon'd.

Ships Rhoda and Griffin saild for China Yesterday.

We are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
29TH. JUNE 1749.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servants

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD PRINCE.
ALEXAND^{R}. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

N°. 55

To the Worshl. Thomas Byfeild Esqr.
Chief &ct. Council of Tellicherry.

Worshl. Sir & Sirs

Our last to you was dated the 21st. April Duplicate of which is inclosed.

On the 21st. May imported here from your place our Hoñble Masters Ship Elizabeth by which we receiv'd your favour of the 28th. April last as also the pepper and plank which turn'd out agreable to Invoice and for which we Shall Credit Bombay Presidency.

The Packet which you sent Us for the President and Council of Bengall we forwarded the same to that Presidency the 28th. May.

On the 14th. Instant imported here from Great Britain our Hoñble Masters Ship Griffin Captain Thomas Dethick, which Ship saild from thence in Company with the Sandwich Montfort Augusta and Tavistock the 26th. January last in a hard Gale of Wind in the Channell the Dragon saild three Weeks before them but as yet we have no News of her.

The 28th. Instant arrived here our Hoñble Masters Ship Sandwich Captain Petre She left England the same time with the Griffin and parted from the rest of the Ships in a hard Gale of Wind in the Channell.

The Company have appointed Commissarys out of the Council here to receive Madrass from the French which Place is to be Subordinate to this till further Orders.

Mr. Barwell is dismissed the Companys Service & Mr. Dawson appointed President of Fort William as is Mr. Eyles Second.

Our Hoñble Masters Ships Rhoda and Griffin saild for China the 28th. Instant and we shall dispatch the Sandwich & Royal Duke in a few days for that place.

We are

Fort St. David
30th. June 1749.

Worshl Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
Stringer Lawrence.
Richard Prince.
Alexandr. Wynch.
Foss Westcott.
Thomas Cooke

N°. 56

To the Worshipfull Richard Bourchier Esqr.
Chief &ct. Council of Anjengo.

Worshl. Sir & Sirs

Our last to you bore date the 21st. April Duplicate of which comes inclosed.

Since when we have receivd two Letters from you dated the 2d. & 23d. May with the Paymasters Acct. of Stores, Provisions &ct. supplied the Cuddalore Sloop for which we shall Credit Bombay Presidency,

We have received the Packett which you sent Us for the President & Council of Bombay which we forwarded to them Yesterday by Patamar.

We have the Pleasure to acquaint you that on the 14th. Instant imported from England the Hoñble Companys Ship Griffin Captain Thomas Dethick as did the Sandwich, Captain Petre the 28th. Instant, These Ships left England the 26th. January in Company with the Montfort Augusta and Tavistock, but parted from them in

a hard Gale of Wind in the Channell, The Dragon saild three Weeks before them but as Yet we have no news of her At the time of these Ships leaving England the Peace was not Proclaimed but great preparations were making for it.

The Company have appointed Commissarys out of the Council here to receive Madrass from the French which place is to be Subordinate to this till further Orders from them.

Mr. Barwell is dismissed the Companys Service & Mr. Dawson appointed President of Fort William as is Mr. Eyles Second.

Our Honble Masters Ships Rhoda & Griffin sail'd for China the 28th. Instant and we shall dispatch the Sandwich and Royal Duke in a few days for that Place.

We are

FORT St. DAVID
30TH. JUNE 1749.

WORSHL. SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servants
CHARLES FLOYER &C. COUNCIL

N°. 57

TO THE HONBLE ADAM DAWSON ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

By the Elisabeth we advised you of the Arrival here of our Honble Masters Ship Griffin the Duplicate of which comes inclosed and we have now the Satisfaction to acquaint You that the Walpole, Sandwich, Dragon & Brittannia have also since arrived here as has also our Honble Masters own Ship Duke of Newcastle from Bencoolen, and as the former has a Packet on board for your Presidency which we are directed to forward as soon as possible we were unwilling to detain her here any time on that Account so have sent Your Honr. &ct. on her only thirty Chests of Rupees and twenty Chests of Bullion, but shall by the Brittannia send You the whole fifty Chests coin'd and as fast as we can get it finish'd send You more As Conveyances offer agreable to the Directions of our Honble Masters,

We congratulate your Honr. &ct. upon the Appointments made You by the Honble Company and wish You Success in your several Stations.

We are

FORT St. DAVID
6TH. JULY 1749.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servants
CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD PRINCE.
ALEXANDR. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

List of the Fort St. David Packet to Bengall ℔ Ship Walpole.

No. 1. Genl. Letter to the President & Council dated 6th. July 1749.
2. Dupce. Genl. Letter to Do. dated 19th. June 1749.
3. Genl. Lre from the Honble Court of Directors to the President & Council of Fort William & Sheerness Man of War.
4. Genl. Letter from Ditto to Ditto ℔ Ditto.
5. Manifest of Goods & Merchandize ℔ Ship Walpole.
6. Copy Victualling Bill & Stores for the Ship Walpole.
7. Copy Ship Walpoles Charterparty.
8. Invoice of Treasure pr. Ship Walpole.
9. Bill of Lading for Do.

FORT ST. DAVID 7TH. JULY 1749.

CHARLES BOURCHIER,
Secretary.

No. 58

TO CAPTAIN BENJAMIN LOWE
OF SHIP WALPOLE.

SIR

You are hereby ORDERD to repair on board & make the best of your way to the Port of Calcutta in Bengall where on your Arrival you are to deliver the Accompanying Packet to the President & Council of Fort William & to follow all such orders as You shall receive from them for your future proceedings Dated in Fort St. David this 6th. day of July 1749.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.

RICHARD PRINCE.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

No. 59

TO THE GENTLEMEN SUPRA CARGOES
OF SHIP ROYAL DUKE.

GENTLEMEN

In Consequence of the Directions we have receiv'd from the Honble Court of Directors We now dispatch to You the Ship Royal Duke on board of whom We have laden Sundry Goods and Merchandize as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading Inclosed and are

FORT ST. DAVID
8TH. JULY 1749.

GENTLEMEN
Your most humble Servants

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.

RICHARD PRINCE.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

N°. 60

To Captain George Cumming,
of Ship Royal Duke.

Sir

You are hereby orderd to repair on board and make the best of your way for the Port of Canton in China where on your arrival You are to deliver the accompanying Letter to such Supra Cargoes as shall be order'd by the Hoñble the Court of Directors to Negotiate the Business of your Ship there and to follow all such Orders as You shall receive from them for your future Proceedings;

And whereas the Dutch have pretended to an Exclusive Right of Trade in Ophium in the Streights of Malacca and other Seas to the Eastward this pretension of Right to an exclusive Trade our Honble Masters deny and will not Submit to and have order'd Us to Empower the Commanders of all their Ships to resist any Hostilitys the Dutch may be guilty of and to make Reprizals not only in defence of themselves but also English Country Ships with English Passes and British Commanders that may be in their Company. We therefore do Empower & order You that in case the Dutch should pretend to Obstruct the Companys Business or the Business of your Ship or endeavour to search your Ship on any pretence or threaten to Act in any Hostile Manner or commit any Hostility against you that you defend yourself against any such Attacks and do your utmost to repell force by force and to make Reprizals for any such Violences committed against your Ship or any other Ships that may be in your Company with English Passes; Dated in Fort St. David this 8th. day of July 1749.

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.

Richard Prince.
Alexander Wynch.
Foss Westcott.
Thos. Cooke.

N°. 61

To the Honble William Wake Esqr.
President and Governour &ct. Council
of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We wrote your Honour &ct. last under the 29th. Ulto. and now inclose you a Duplicate of the same since when the Walpole, Brittannia and Dragon belonging to our Hoñble Masters have arrived here, the latter of which having brought a Packet from the Hoñble Court of Directors for your Presidency we now send it herewith, as We have no Prospect of a Sea Conveyance for some time to forward it by.

The Hoñble Court of Directors in their Letter of the 2d. December having positively order'd Us to send their Ships, Lapwing, Dolphin, New Castle, and Dragon, to Tellicherry, Anjengo or Bencoolen to be loaded at those Settlements and Dispatch'd Home immediately in Consequence thereof/ as the New Castle, is lately arrived from Bencoolen on Account of there not being a loading for her there, the small Pox having prov'd very fatal in many Places on the Island Sumatra amongst the Planters which has occasion'd the Plantations to Suffer greatly, We shall therefore dispatch that Ship as soon as the Season will permit to the Malabar Coast and the Dragon will proceed thither from Bengall to which Place we are Oblig'd to send her, She haveing Stores on board for that Presidency and the Broad Cloth the Augusta has on board which We are directed to forward by the first good Opportunity to the Malabar Coast so we shall immediately Dispatch Pattamars to Advise the Gentlemen at Tellicherry and Anjengo thereof, and inclose them Extracts

of our Honble Masters said Lettr. as We now do one to your Honour &ct. & desire you will be pleas'd to send the necessary Directions to those Settlements as expeditiously as possible.

When an Opportunity Offers we request your Honour &ct. will please to send Us, a further Supply of Gun Powder.

Two days past sail'd for China the Honble Companys Ship Royal Duke, and the Sandwich will follow her to morrow.

We are

FORT St. DAVID
11TH. JULY 1749.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servts.

CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.

RICHD. PRINCE.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOS. COOKE.

No. 62

TO THE WORSHLL. THOMAS BYFELD ESQR.
CHIEF &Cr. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

WORSHLL. SIR & SIRS

The Duplicate of our last bearing date the 30th. Ultimo, you will receive herewith, and we have now the Satisfaction to acquaint You of the Arrival here of the Dragon, Walpole and Brittannia all belonging to our Honble Masters.

Inclosed We now send you Extract of the 5th. Paragraph of the Honble Companys Letter to this Presidency by the Dragon, wherein You will observe they direct Us to send their own Ships, Lapwing, Dolphin, New Castle and Dragon to your place, Anjengo or Bencoolen, from the latter of which the New Castle is lately arriv'd here, as there has been such a fatality there among the Planters from the small Pox that the Pepper Plantations have greatly suffer'd, so that she could not be loaden from thence, therefore, We purpose sending her to your Coast as soon as the Season will permit and the Dragon who is now going to Bengall, will proceed directly from thence in Consequence of the Aforesaid Order from our Honble Masters And we desire You will acquaint Us as soon as possible what Quantity of Pepper and other Goods proper for Europe, You have on hand or may have by the End of October.

Two days past saild for China the Honourable Companys Ship Royal Duke, and to morrow the Sandwich will follow her.

We are

FORT St. DAVID
11TH. JULY 1749.

WORSHLL. SIR & SIRS
Your most Humble Servants

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.

RICHARD PRINCE.
ALEXANDR. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

N°. 63

To the Worsh^{ll}. Rich^{d}. Bourchier Esq^{r}.
Chief &c^{t}. Factors of Anjengo.

Worsh^{ll}. Sir & Sirs

Our last bore date the 30th. Ultimo of which we now inclose You Duplicate and have the pleasure to advise You, that since the departure thereof have arrivd here our Honourable Masters Ships Dragon, Walpole and Brittannia.

Inclos'd We send You Extract of the 5th. Paragraph of the Hoñble Company's Letter to this Presidency by the Dragon, wherein You will observe they direct Us to send their own Ships, Lapwing, Dolphin, New Castle and Dragon to Tellicherry your Place or Bencoolen, in Consequence of which we shall as soon as the Season will Permit, Dispatch the New Castle to your Coast as there is no Pepper to be got on the Westcoast from whence She lately arrivd the small Pox having prov'd fatal to many of the Planters whereby the Plantations have sufferd greatly, and the Dragon will also proceed from Bengall whither she is going in a Day or two to carry the Stores She brought out and a Supply of Treasure, and We desire You will acquaint Us as soon as possible what Quantity of Pepper and other Goods proper for Europe You have on hand or may have by the End of October.

Two days past saild for China the Hoñble Companys Ship Royal Duke, and to morrow the Sandwich will follow her.

We are

Fort S^{t}. David
11th. July 1749.

Worsh^{ll}. Sir & Sirs
Your most Humble Servants

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.

Richard Prince.
Foss Westcott.
Thomas Cooke.

N°. 64

To the Gentlemen Supra Cargoes
of Ship Sandwich.

Gentlemen

The Ship Sandwich being in want of more Ballast, which the Commander could not procure here without difficulty, We have therefore continued on board her the Lead She brought out for this Settlement, of which We now Inclose You Invoice as also Bill of Lading & Copy of that Ships Charterparty.

We are

Fort S^{t}. David
11th. July 1749.

Gentlemen
Your most Humble Servants

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.

Richard Prince.
Alexand^{r}. Wynch.
Foss Westcott.
Thomas Cooke.

N°. 65

To Captain John Petre
of Ship Sandwich.

Sir

You are hereby Orderd to repair on board and make the best of your Way for the Port of Canton in China where on Your Arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Letter to such Supra Cargoes as shall be orderd by the Honourable Court of Directors to negotiate the Business of your Ship there and to follow all such Orders as You shall receive from them for your future Proceedings.

And whereas the Dutch have pretended to an exclusive Right of Trade in Ophium in the Streights of Malacca and other Seas to the Eastward, this pretension of Right to an exclusive Trade our Honourable Masters deny and will not submit to and have Order'd Us to Empower the Commanders of all their Ships to resist any Hostilitys the Dutch may be guilty of and to make Reprizals not only in Defence of themselves but also English Country Ships with English Passes and British Commanders that may be in their Company, We therefore do Empower and Order You that in Case the Dutch should pretend to Obstruct the Companys Business or the Business of your Ship or endeavour to search your Ship on any pretence or threaten to Act in any Hostile manner or commit any Hostility against You that you defend yourself against any such Attacks and do your utmost to repell force by force and to make Reprizals for any such Violences committed against your Ship or any other Ships that may be in your Company with English Passes, Dated in Fort St. David this 11th. Day of July 1749.

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.

Richard Prince.
Alexander Wynch.
Foss Westcott.
Thomas Cooke.

N°. 66

To the Honble Adam Dawson Esqr.
President & Governour &c. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Duplicate of our last by our Hoñble Masters Ship Walpole, we now send your Honour &ct. inclosed and this You will receive by the Tryall Snow, on whom We have sent You twenty Chests of Rupees, a further Supply of which will be forwarded Your Honour &ct. on the Brittannia who will leave this place in few Days, On this Vessell we have laden some Treasure & other things for the Use of the Northern Settlements therefore the Commander has our directions to touch at Vizagapatam to land the same from whence He has our Orders to proceed directly for your Port.

As we mentiond in a former Letter we now send Inclos'd a Report of the Rice receivd lately from your Settlement wherein your Honour &ct. will observe that it turn'd out the greatest part very Indifferent, therefore We request you will please to direct that if there is any Extreamly good procurable a further Supply may be sent Us by some of the Honble Companys Ships returning here, otherwise none at all, as our Honble Masters are likely to suffer so much by what We have lately received from your settlement, The quantity of Saltpetre we have already requested may be sent Us. We desire may not be omitted being much in want thereof as We purpose Dispatching two of our Hoñble Masters Ships to Europe in September and October with what Bales We have here and those we may receive from the

Northern Settlements, the Honble Court of Directors have given Us Permission to send them home dead Freighted from fifty to one hundred and fifty Tons, and by the latter Shipping We shall advise your Honour &c^{t}. what Tonnage We shall stand in need of in January.

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most humble Servants

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
20TH. JULY 1749.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.

RICHARD PRINCE.
ALEXAN^{R}. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

LIST of the FORT S^{T}. DAVID Packet to Bengall ℔ Tryall Snow.

N^{o}. 1 Gen^{l}. Letter to the President & Council of Fort William Dated the 20th. July 1749.
2 Dup. D^{o}. to D^{o}. dated 6th. July 1749.
3 Invoice of Treasure laden on the Tryall Snow for Bengall.
4 Bill of Lading for Ditto.
5 Dup: Invoice of Treasure sent on Ship Walpole to Bengall.
6 Second Bill of Lading for Ditto.
7 Gen^{l}. Letter from the HONBLE COURT OF DIRECTORS to the PRESIDENT & COUNCIL OF FORT WILLIAM.
8 Copy Report of Rice receiv'd from Bengall.

FORT S^{T}. DAVID 20TH. JULY 1749.

CHARLES BOURCHIER
Secretary.

N^{o}. 67

To THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ^{R}.
CHIEF &C^{T}. COUNCIL OF VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

Our last of the 22^{d}. Ultimo, /a Duplicate whereof comes Inclosd/ acquainted You with our having Rcd what You wrote Us the 6th. May, and the 14th. Instant came to hand your Letter of the 10th. Ultimo.

Agreable to what We wrote You in our last We now send You on the Tryall Snow, five thousand, 5000 Madrass Pagodas, and thirty two thousand 32000 Arcot Rupees, for the Use of your Settlement, and Eight thousand 8000 Madrass Pagodas for the Use of Ingeram, What Money M^{r}. Andrews may want You must Supply him with, and by the Dragon belonging to our Honble Masters you will receive a further Supply as also the Stores You have Indented for this Vessell not being able to take them in tho, She has the Wares You were in need of.

We have paid M^{r}. Prince the Ballance of his Account with the Company amounting to Madr^{s}. Pag^{s}. three thousand five hundred and four, sixteen fanams and forty four Cash, 3504. 16. 44 for which We shall Debt your Factory, and Inclosed We send You the Warehousekeepers Account Sortment of Cloth, as also the Account Current with your Factory to Ult^{o}. April.

On the 28th. Ultimo arriv'd here our Honble Masters Ship Sandwich, as have since their Ships, Walpole, Dragon, and Brittannia, the Commanders of which informing Us that Peace was Proclaim'd before they left England We shall therefore shortly send You directions concerning the reducing the Expences of your Factory, as also the Exchange to pay your Topasses at.

Our Intention being to dispatch two Ships for Europe in September, We are therefore to repeat our directions to You to send Us up by the first good Conveyance all the Cloth You have ready Cured, as also the Account of Quick Stock at your Settlement It being as we before acquainted You, our Honble Masters orders to send it them by every Conveyance.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID
20TH. JULY 1749.

GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends
CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.

RICHARD PRINCE.
ALEXANDR. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

LIST of the Packet to Vizagapatam ℔ Tryall Snow Vizt.

No. 1 General Letter to the Chief and Council Dated 20th. July 1749.
2 Duplicate Do. Do. Dated 22d. June 1749.
3 WarehouseKrs. Account Sortment of Cloth.
4 Account Current with Vizagapatam Factory,
5 Invoice of Sundrys Laden on board the Tryal Snow.
6 Bill of Lading for Do.
7 Do. for Sundrys laden on board the Tryall Snow for Ingeram.
8 Do. for Broad Cloth laden on board the Tryall Snow for Ganjam.

FORT ST. DAVID 20TH. JULY 1749.

CHARLES BOURCHIER
Secretary.

No. 68

To MR. ROBERT GOODERE
RESIDENT AT INGERAM.

SIR

We have received your Letter of the 23d. April and 30th. Ultimo, and are sorry to find by the former that the Report of your Competitions at Yanam excepting a large Supply of Money should so suddenly affect your Investment, nevertheless We flatter ourselves, that You will be able to engage some of your Merchants to bring you Cloth of a proper Thickness, and as you seem to think a small advance on the Ordinary Long Cloth will induce them to it, We permit that you raise that sort half a Pagoda ℔ Corge provided you can be well assur'd they will mend their hands and bring you Cloth of a better Manufacture, but if not, and they still continue to bring you an inferiour Sort, We shall then expect to have it at a proportionable abatement and in such Case you have our leave to take it in, On the Tryall Snow bound to Vizagapatam We have sent for the Use of your Factory, Eight thousand, 8000 Madrass Pagodas, and by the Dragon in a short time you will be furnish'd with a further Supply therefore We hope you will succeed in your Expectations of a considerable Investment; as You will now be so well furnish'd with Cash, the Tryall carrys the Wares you Indented for and the Stores will be sent on the Dragon.

We observe what You say concerning the badness of the Barr Boat, and as you represent it will cost upwards of three hundred Rupees to repair her, You have our permission to dispose of her for the most you can get.

On the 14th. Ultimo arrived here our Hoñble Masters Ship Griffin from England, as did the Sandwich the 28th. and since then the Walpole, Dragon and Brittannia, the Commandrs. of which Ships inform Us that before they left England, the Peace was proclaimed.

As We purpose to dispatch two Ships for Europe in September, We are therefore to repeat our Directions to You to send Us by the first good Conveyance all the Cloth you have ready Cured as also the Account of Quick Stock at your Factory, it being as We before acquainted You our Honble Masters orders to send it them by every Conveyance.

We are

Fort St: David
20th. July 1749.

Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
Chas. Floyer.
Edwd. Croke.

Richd. Prince.
Alexandr. Wynch.
Foss Westcott.
Thos. Cooke.

N°. 69

To Mr. John Andrews
Residt. at Ganjam.

Sir

We have received your Letters of the 10th. April and 14th. Ulto. and are concerned to find that You have hitherto been able to do nothing in regard to an Investment which should you find an Opportunity to set about, You will write to the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam for what Money you stand in need of, to which Place We now send a supply of Rupees.

The Account of Quick Stock at your Factory We direct that You send up as soon as possible that We may transmit the same to our Hoñble Masters by the Ships we intend to dispatch for Europe in September.

We are

Fort St. David
20th. July 1749.

Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.

Richard Prince.
Alexandr. Wynch.
Foss Westcott.
Thos. Cooke.

N°. 70

To Captain Francis Taylor
of the Tryall Snow.

Sir

You are hereby orderd to repair on board your Vessell and make the best of your way for the Port of Vizagapatam where on your Arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the Chief & Council there, as likewise the Treasure and Sundrys we have put on board your Vessell for the Northern Settlements which

when you have finish'd You are to proceed directly for the Port of Calcutta in Bengall and to deliver to the President & Council of that place our Letter with the Sundrys You have on board consign'd to them, and follow all such Orders as You shall receive from them for your future Proceedings DATED in FORT ST. DAVID this 20th. day of July 1749.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.

RICHARD PRINCE.
ALEXANDR. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

N°. 71

TO THE HONOURABLE ADAM DAWSON ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The 20th. Instant we dispatch'd the Tryall Snow for your place with twenty Chests of Rupees, as We now do our Honourable Masters Ship Brittannia with fifty more, as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading inclosd & We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servants
CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.

FORT ST. DAVID
24TH. JULY 1749.

RICHARD PRINCE.
ALEXANDR. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOS. COOKE.

N°. 72

TO CAPTN. JOHN SOMNER
OF SHIP BRITTANNIA.

SIR

You are hereby orderd to repair on board & make the best of your Way for the Port of Calcutta in Bengall where on your Arrival you are to deliver the Accompanying Letter to the Presidt. & Council of Fort William & to follow their Orders for your future proceedings, Dated in FORT ST. DAVID this 25th. day of July 1749.

Charles Floyer &ct. Council as above.

N°. 73

TO THE WORSHLL. JOSEPH HURLOCK ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVR. &CT COUNCIL
OF FORT MARLBROUGH.

WORSHLL. SIR & SIRS

The Success Galley Captn. James Barton carried our last to You bearing Date the 5th. Ultimo, of which we now Inclose You Duplicate and it is with the utmost Concern that we read in your Letter by the Duke of New Castle of the 11th. May, that the Continuation of the small Pox is still so prejudicial to our Honble Masters Investments, & that the not being able to load that Ship was the Motive for your

sending her hither, which is an addition we did not Expect to the great Quantity of Tonnage we have now to provide for, however we approve of your Acting so-rather than sending her to China by the way of Batavia, as You mention to have been your first thoughts, as possibly the Dutch might have taken Umbrage thereat & as you had no directions for it from the Hoñble Company it might have occasion'd their Displeasure, which the sending her here cannot do, as they have directed Us in Case she should come this way to send her to the Malabar Coast to be fill'd up there which we shall therefore accordingly put in execution as soon as the Season will Permit,

Your having no News of the Sloop Louisa & the report of the Dutchman of seeing a Vessell about her burthen driving in the Streights occasions Us to apprehend that she must Certainly have been lost in the bad Weather You mention to have had just after She left Poolo Pesang, Wherefore we shall get one to Supply her Place as soon as possible.

On the 14th. Ultimo arrived here our Hoñble Masters Ship Griffin, as did the Sandwich the 28th. the Walpole and Dragon the 2d. & the Brittannia the 4th. Instant, the 2 former of which Ships left England the 28th. January in Company with the Augusta and Montfort neither of which Ships we have yet seen and are a good deal surpriz'd at it, especially the Augusta who was spoke to by the Walpole on this side the Cape the 20th. April, the Walpole, Dragon & Brittannia sail'd the 14th. February from the Commanders of which Ships We are advis'd that Peace was proclaim'd before they came away and We have receiv'd directions from the Hoñble Company, Who have appointed Commissarys out of the Council here to receive Madrass from the French, that it is to be subordinate to this Place till their further Orders & in few days General Boscawen with the Commissarys will set out to take Possession thereof.

The Certificates you granted in favour of Robert Lennox Esqr. have been discharged.

This We Send You by the Brilliant Snow on whom we have laden Sundrys as per Invoice & Bill of Lading Inclosed and we would have You return her to Us as soon as You have unloaded her, the Cuddalore Sloop belonging to our Hoñble Masters shall be dispatch'd to You in a short time with further Supplys.

The Manifest of private Trade on board this Vessell for your Settlement comes inclos'd & We are

WORSHLL SIR & SIRS
Your Affectionate Friends & Servts.
CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.

RICHARD PRINCE.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

FORT St. DAVID
27TH. JULY 1749.

MANIFEST of private Trade licens'd by the President & Council of FORT S^{T}. DAVID to be laden on the Brilliant Snow for FORT MARLBOROUGH VIZ^{T}.

J H — By Nicholas Morse Esq^{r}. to Joseph Hurlock Esq^{r}.

L C B
N^{o}. 1 @
8. — 8 Eight Bales containing Long Cloth Blue Midling 32 Corge.

N^{o}. 9 &
10. — 2 Two Bales containing Cambays Metchlepatam large & small 29 Corge.

N. — 11 One Bale containing Handkerchiefs Metchlepatam 26 Corge.

T C — By D^{o}. to M^{r}. Thomas Combes

L C B
N^{o}. 1 & 2. — 2 Two Bales containing Long Cloth Blue Midling 8 Corge.

No. 3. — 1 One Bale containing Cambays Metchlepatam 10 Corge.

N^{o}. 4. — 1 One Bale containing Handkerchiefs Metchlepatam 20 Corge.

E B — By Capt^{n}. Edward Burman

from A to L.
- 4 Four Bales containing Long Cloth Blue ½ Peices 20 Corge.
- 4 Four Bales containing Salampores 20 Corge
- 3 Three Bales containing Moores. ¼ Peices 24 Corge

E C — 4 Four Bales containing Long Cloth Blue ½ Pieces 16 Corge

L C B L — 1 One Bale containing Long Cloth Blue ¼ Pieces 8 Corge

	C	Ps.
1 One D^{o}. containing Long Cloth Blue ½ & ¼ Pieces	4	11.

FORT S^{T}. DAVID 28th. July 1749.

CHARLES BOURCHIER
Secretary.

LIST of the Packet to Fort Marlborough ℔ Snow Brilliant.

N^{o}. 1 Gen^{l}. Letter to the Deputy Governour &c Council Dated the 27th July
2 Dup D^{o}. to D^{o}. 5th. June } 1749.

3 Invoice of Sundries laden on the Brilliant Snow for Fort Marlborough amounting to Pag^{s}. 745. 4. 48.

4 Bill of Lading for Ditto.

5 Dup Invoice of Sundries laden on the Success Galley for Fort Marlborough amount^{g}. to Pag^{s}. 4237. 5. 5.

6 Second Bill of Lading for Ditto.

7 Duplicate Copy of a Letter from Adm^{l}. Boscawen to the General & Council of Batavia dated 14th. May 1749.

8 Dup Copy of a Letter from Adm^{l}. Boscawen to the Presid^{t}. & Council of FORT S^{T}. DAVID dated 14th. May 1749.

9 Dup Copy of an Agreement between the Deputy Governour & Council of Fort Marlborough and Capt^{n}. Rannie.

10 Manifest of Private Trade licens'd by the President & Council to be laden on the Brilliant Snow for FORT MARLBOROUGH.

FORT S^{T}. DAVID 28th. July 1749.

CHARLES BOURCHIER
Secretary.

N°. 74

To Captain Edward Burman
of the Brilliant Snow.

Sir

You are hereby orderd to repair on board your Vessell and make the best of Your Way to the Port of Fort Marbrō: on the West coast of Sumatra, on your arrival at which Place you are to deliver our Letter to the Deputy Govr. & Council there and to follow all such orders as you shall receive from them for your future Proceedings. Dated in Fort St. David this 27th. day of July 1749.

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.

Richard Prince.
Alexandr. Wynch.
Foss Westcott.
Thomas Cooke.

N°. 75

To the Honble Libregt Hooreman Esqr.
President on the Coast of Choromandell
& Governour of Negapatam &c1. Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have been favourd with Your Letter bearing Date the 17th. Instant N.S. acquainting Us with the happy News of the peace being concluded for which we esteem ourselves much Oblig'd, as also for your Congratulations thereon & kind Intention of sending Us the Articles whereupon it is founded when they come to your Hands, the which We having recd by our Ships lately arriv'd from Europe we now inclos'd send You a printed Copy thereof & are very truly

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most hble Servants

Fort St. David
5th. August 1749.

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
Stringer Lawrence.
Richard Prince.
Alexandr. Wynch.
Foss Westcott.
Thos. Cooke.

N°. 76

To Captn. Mortimore
of Ship Fort St. George.

Sir

You are hereby orderd to repair on board Your Ship & Sail for Madrass in Company with his Majestys Ship the Tartar & remain there till You receive further Orders from Us.

As soon as the said Ship has Saluted the Commissarys on their leaving her to go ashore; You must take up the Salute with the same number of Guns; Dated in Fort St. David this 7th. day of August 1749.

Sign'd By Order of the Honble the President & Council.

Charles Bourchier
Secretary.

N°. 77

To the Gentlemen Supra Cargoes
of Ship Montfort.

Gentlemen

In Obedience to the Orders We have Received from the Honble Court of Directors We now dispatch to You the Ship Montfort and Inclos'd You will receive Copy of her Charterparty.

We are

Fort St. David
9th. August 1749.

Gentlemen
Your most humble Servants
Chas. Floyer.
Edwd. Croke.
Richd. Prince.
Thos. Cooke.

N°. 78

To Captn. Robert Hanslapp
of Ship Montfort.

Sir

You are hereby order'd to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your Way to the Port of Canton in China, where on your Arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Letter to such Supra Cargoes as shall be appointed by the Honble Court of Directors to Negotiate the Business of your Ship there and to follow all such Orders as you shall receive from them for your future Proceedings.

And whereas the Dutch have pretended to an exclusive right of Trade in Ophium in the Streights of Malacca and other Seas to the Eastward, This pretension of Right to an exclusive Trade our Honble Masters deny and will not Submit to, and have Order'd Us to Empower the Commanders of all their Ships to resist any Hostility the Dutch may be guilty of and to make Reprizals not only in defence of themselves but also English Country Ships with English Passes and British Commanders that may be in their Company, We therefore do Empower and Order You that in Case the Dutch should pretend to Obstruct the Companys Business or the Business of your Ship, or endeavour to search your Ship, on any pretence, or threaten to Act in any Hostile Manner, or commit any Hostility against You that You defend yourself against any such Attacks, and do your utmost to repell Force by Force, and to make Reprizals on any such Violences committed against your Ship, or any other Ships that may be in your Company with English Passes; Dated in Fort St. David this 9th. day of August 1749.

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
Richard Prince.
Thos. Cooke.

N°. 79

To Capt^N. Mortimore
of Ship Fort S^t. George.

Sir

On receipt hereof You are hereby Order'd to make the best of your way hither, acquainting the Commissarys with these Our Orders to You Dated in Fort S^t. David this 14^th. day of August 1749.

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.

Richard Prince.

Thomas Cooke.

N°. 80

To M^r. William Petch
Master of the Sloop Cuddalore.

Sir

You are hereby order'd to repair on board your Vessell and make the best of your Way to the Port of Deve Cotah and after You have deliver'd the Military and Stores We have put on board You for that place, as likewise taken in such Persons M^r. Cope may have to send here, You must return again with all Expedition. Dated in Fort S^t. David this 19^th. day of August 1749.

Sign'd By Order of the Honble the President and Council.

Cha^s. Bourchier,
Secretary.

N°. 81

To Mess^rs. Lawrence
Wynch &
Westcott.

Gentlemen

Having come to a resolution to send the Duke of New Castle to Madrass, We therefore now dispatch her to You, and inclos'd You will Receive Invoice and Bill of Lading of sundry Wares and Stores that were put on board here from the Montfort which We would have you Land as soon as possible, and return the Ship to Us again immediately. We have laden on her likewise five Chests of Rupees for paying the Honble Companys Gratuity to such Men of the Independant Companys as shall inlist with You, and to defray other necessary Charges, as also to the Amount of Pagodas Three thousand (3000) in fanams, Exchange at 350 Rupees ℔ 100 Pagodas & forty one fanams (41) ℔ each Pagoda.

The several Villages at Madrass we have let to Farm as follows, Viz^t.

Trivitore &c^t. Villages to Linga Chittee & Egmore &c^t. Villages with the five new Villages that were given to the Company by Sunder Ally Cawn to Gruah. But as We are unacquainted with the Conditions the latter were granted on by the late Gentlemen at Madrass, We would have You therefore send Us the Cowle Book, which We suppose You have Received with the other Books and Papers.

We have likewise appointed Maulrauze to be Polligar at Madrass, as the late Polligar would not accept of that Station again on the Terms it was offer'd him of paying one fourth part of his Revenues to Maulrauze for which Reason We gave it to Maulrauze, who set out Yesterday for to take Charge of that post.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID
20TH. AUGUST 1749.

GENTLEMEN,
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants
CHAS. FLOYER &Ct. Council.

N°. 82

To CAPTN. FRANCIS FOWLER
OF SHIP DUKE OF NEW CASTLE.

SIR

You are hereby order'd to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your Way to Madrass, where on your Arrival You are to deliver the accompanying Letter to the Gentlemen Commissarys there and to follow their Orders for your future Proceedings DATED in FORT ST. DAVID this 20th. day of August 1749.

CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
RICHD. PRINCE.
THOS. COOKE.

N°. 83

To MR. JOHN ANDREWS
RESIDENT AT GANJAM.

SIR

From the several Letters We have lately Recd. from You, observing that the Country about You is continually involved in troubles, Whereby You are prevented doing any thing in Regard to an Investment, We therefore think it would be most for our Honble Masters Interest to save them the Expence of maintaining the Factory by withdrawing it, Unless You imagine the Change there is likely to be in the Government may give You a Prospect of doing something therefore We leave it entirely to You to remain there to See what You can do or withdraw the Factory, as You think will be most for the Honble Companys Interest, in Case You resolve on the latter You must repair to Vizagapatam to the Chief & Council of which Place We have sent directions to grant You any Assistance You may require for transporting the Honble Companys Effects there, but if You, think You shall be able to set about an Investment, We shall send a Supply of Rupees to Vizagapatam in few days, from whence You will be furnish'd with what Quantity You may want for that purpose.

The 18th. Instant sail'd Admiral Boscawen with all the Fleet for Madrass which place He will take Possession of the 21st. and as We are informed Grain is scarce

there to encourage the Merch^{ts}. to send thither large Quantitys thereof We have taken off the Custom on all imported there, within six months from the 1st. of next month with which We direct that You acquaint them.

We are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
20TH. AUGUST 1749.

SIR
Your Affectionate Friends
CHA^{S}. FLOYER.
EDW^{D}. CROKE.
RICH^{D}. PRINCE.
THO^{S}. COOKE.

N°. 84

To THO^{S}. SAUNDERS ESQ^{R}. CHIEF
&C^{T}. COUNCIL AT VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

We wrote You last by our Honble Masters Snow the Tryall, and now inclose You a Duplicate thereof, since when we have Rec^{d}. your Letter of the 12th. Ultimo acquainting Us with our Honble Masters Ship Tavistock's touching at your place, who's Passing Us has proved a great disappointment, as We are in much want of the Madeira Wine consign'd to this Settlement, You did very right in opening the Packet by her for this Settlement and sending Copys of the Letters for this Presidency, and in future should any of our Honble Masters Shipping fall in with your place, that are bound to this Port, if the Season will permit, We would have you give the Command^{r}. orders to repair hither.

The 18th. Inst^{t}. sail'd Adm^{l}. Boscawen with all the Fleet for Madrass, which Place He will take Possession of the 21st. and as We are informed Grain is scarce there, We have to encourage the Merchants to send thither large Quantitys thereof, taken off the Custom on all imported there within six Months from the 1st. of next Month, with which We direct that You acquaint all the dealers in Grain near You.

Should M^{r}. John Andrews at Ganjam send to You for any Military Assistance to Conduct him and the Honble Companys Effects to your place from Ganjam We direct that You furnish him therewith.

We are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
21ST. AUGUST 1749.

GENTLEMEN,
Your Affectionate Friends
CHA^{S}. FLOYER &C^{t}. Council.

N°. 85

To M^{R}. ROBERT GOODERE
RESIDENT AT INGERAM.

SIR

The 18th. Inst^{t}. We recd your Letter of the 27th. Ult^{o}. and for Answer to what You therein mention concerning your Cloth, We refer You to what We wrote You the 20th. Ult^{o}. by our Honble Masters Snow the Tryall, of which we now inclose You Duplicate.

The 18th. inst^{t}. sail'd Adm^{l}. Boscawen with his Fleet for Madrass and on Monday the 21st. He will take Possession thereof, as We hear Grain is very scarce We

have taken off for six Months the Custom on all Imported there, with which You will Acquaint all the Dealers in y^{t}. Article near You & encourage them to send up large Quantitys thereof.

Inclos'd We send You Extract of an Account of Goods over & wanting by the several Ships that Arrived in England Anno 1748 as likewise an Extract of the List of Investment both which We Received from the Honble Court of Directors by the Ships lately Arrived here from whence You will Observe the Mistakes that have been Committed & the Deficiency in the Goods provided at your place, which You must take Care to prevent in future, as likewise that the Bales & Tickets Answer to the Sortment.

We are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
21ST AUGUST 1749.

SIR
Your Affectionate Friends
CHA^{S}. FLOYER &c^{t}. Council.

EXTRACT of the Acco^{t}. of Goods over and wanting by the several Ships that arrived in England Anno 1748.

℔ Ship Grantham.

	Pieces
No Ticket in this Bale IZZAREES Invoic'd Pagodas 183 .. and though Pieces 99 are charg'd at Pagodas 30 and Pieces 84 at Pag^{s}. 25 ℔ Corge, no distinction made in the Bale.	Wanting 11
Ditto in this Bale, IZZAREES Invoiced Pagodas 242 .. No Appearance of Plunder in these Bales.	Wanting 2
Ditto in this Bale, IZZAREES Invoiced Pagodas 244 .. The Gunnie and Wax Cloth was sound but the Inside Wrapper Tore and several Pieces endeavour'd to be pull'd out.	Wanting 12

EXTRACT of the List of Investment received from England by the Sandwich, Walpole &c^{t}.

More Care must be taken in future that the Bales & Tickets of the Ingeram Cloth Answer as to the Sortment and the Tickets put into all the Bales must be laid under the first piece that they may be easily found, and You must take Care to send the Goods Agreable to Invoice there having great Mistakes been made for several Years past.

N°. 86

To MESS^{RS}. LAWRENCE
WYNCH &
WESTCOTT.

GENTLEMEN

It was a particular Satisfaction to Us to hear that FORT S^{T}. GEORGE was deliver'd up the 21st. and that his Majestys Troops are now in Garrison there.

This Morning We rec^{d}. your Letter of the 23^{d}. Advising the Arrival of the Duke of New Castle and that You design to Land the Wares and Stores from her as soon as possible, Yesterday went Eight Masulas, so that You have now twenty, all that We can possibly Spare, having only remaining here ten that are fit for Service.

The Stores You write for shall be sent You tomorrow or the next day on the Cuddalore Sloop.

The President Advises Us that Mr. Boscawen has made You an Offer of one hundred & ten Pieces of Cannon with a Proportion of Shot for them, which we desire You will accept of, as also any other Stores that may be tender'd You for the Service of the Garrison.

By the Duke of New Castle we sent You a Supply of Rupees to pay the Honble Companys Gratuity to such Men of the Independant Companys as are willing to enlist with You, each Man must be paid forty Rupees and to engage for three Years Service.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID
26TH. AUGUST 1749.

GENTLEMEN,
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants
CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
RICHD. PRINCE.
THOS. COOKE.

N°. 87

TO MR. WILLIAM PETCH
MASTER OF THE SLOOP CUDDALORE.

SIR

You are hereby order'd to repair on board your Vessell and make the best of your Way to Madrass, on your Arrival at which place You are to follow all such Orders as you shall receive from the Gentlemen Commissarys there for your further Proceedings. DATED in FORT ST. DAVID this 28th. day of August 1749.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
RICHD. PRINCE.
THOS. COOKE.

N°. 88

TO MESSRS. LAWRENCE
WYNCH &
WESTCOTT.

GENTLEMEN

This covers Invoice and Bill of Lading for sundry Stores We have laden on the Cuddalore Sloop which You will land as soon as possible and return that Vessell to Us again.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID
29TH. AUGUST 1749.

GENTLEMEN,
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants
CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
RICHD. PRINCE.
THOS. COOKE.

N°. 89

To the Worshipfull Thomas Byfeld Esq^r^.
Chief &c^t^. Factors at Tellicherry.

Worsh^ll^. Sir & Sirs

The Occasion of the present is chiefly to Advise of Madrass being restor'd to Us again, which Place Gen^l^. Boscawen took Possession of the 21^st^. Inst^t^. When the French Troops Evacuated it.

Our Hoñble Masters Ship the Tavistock having met with Strong Westerly Winds off this Coast could not fetch in with this Place but put in at Vizagapatam the 8^th^. Ultimo from whence She sail'd a few days after for the Bay.

We have received your Letter of the 25^th^. June and Inclos'd we send You the Duplicate of our last.

We are

Fort S^t^. David
29^th^. August 1749.

Worsh^ll^. Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants
Cha^s^. Floyer.
Edw^d^. Croke.
Rich^d^. Prince.
Tho^s^. Cooke.

N°. 90

To the Worsh^ll^. Richard Bourchier Esq^r^.
Chief &c^t^. Factors of Anjengo.

Worsh^ll^. Sir & Sirs

Your Favour bearing Date the 26^th^. June We have receiv'd, and have now the Satisfaction to Acquaint You that the English Flag again flys at Madrass, at which Place it was hoisted the 21^st^. Instant, when General Boscawen made his Entry into it and the French Troops Evacuated it.

By Advices from Vizagapatam we are inform'd that the Tavistock belonging to our Hoñble Masters, having met with hard Gales of Westerly Wind was blown off this Coast, and had put in there the 8^th^. Ult^o^. from whence She Proceeded to Bengall.

We inclos'd send You Duplicate of our last & are

Worsh^ll^. Sir & Sirs
Your most hble Serv^ts^.
Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
Richard Prince.
Thomas Cooke.

Fort S^t^. David
29^th^. Aug^t^. 1749.

N°. 91

To the Honble William Wake Esqr.
President. & Governour &ct. Council
of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Yesterday just as We were going to begin this Letter, We rec'd your Honr. &ct. favour of the 29th. June & inclos'd We send You duplicate of what We last wrote You under the 11th. Ulto.

We have now the Satisfaction to acquaint your Honr. &ct. that We are again in Possession of Madrass, General Boscawen having Entered that Place the 21st. Instant when the French Troops Evacuated it.

On the 7th. Instant We receiv'd Advice from Vizagapatam that Our Hoñble Masters Ship Tavistock had put in there the 8th. Ultimo having met with hard Gales of Wind which blew her off the Coast, and that She sail'd from thence in few days after for Bengall.

Herewith we send You two Packets which we receiv'd sometime since from the Gentlemen at Tellicherry & Anjengo.

We are

Fort St. David
28th. Augt. 1749.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most humble Servants
Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
——— ———
Richard Prince.
——— ———
——— ———
Thomas Cooke.

P.S. having thot. proper to advise our Hoñble Masters by this Conveyance of the Restoration of Madrass, We therefore send Inclos'd a Packet for them which We are to request yoru Honour &ct. will forward by the first Conveyance that Offers.

Honble Sir & Sirs

After closing the foregoing Yesterday imported here our Hoñble Masters Ship Prince William who brought us your Favour of the 6th. Instant, wherein We read with Satisfaction that the Boscawen was arrived at your place; The Packet which came by her from the Admiralty for the Commander in Chief of his Majestys Ships in the East Indies was forwarded yesterday to the Admiral at Madrass.

We shall give your Presidency Credit for the Gunpowder Your Honour &ct. have sent Us on this Ship and are.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants
Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
——— ———
Richard Prince.
——— ———
——— ———
Thomas Cooke.

Fort St. David
30th. Augt. 1749.

N°. 92

To the Honble Adam Dawson Esqr.
President & Governour &ct. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Brittannia carried You our last bearg. Date the 24th. July of which we send You Duplicate Inclos'd, and are now to acknowledge the Receipt of your Honour

&c^{ts}. two favours of the 14th. & 19th. June and shall discharge when tenderd for Payment the Bill of Exchange You mention in the former to have drawn on Us in favour of the Hoñble Charles Floyer Esq^{r}.

This We send You by our Hoñble Masters own Ship Dragon, which we have detain'd here till now in hopes to have forwarded on her the Broad Cloth the Augusta has on board for Your Presidency but as yet We have no News of that Ship wherefore We imagine she must be gone for Batavia or directly for China which will prove a great disappointment to Us, and should the Severn not arrive with Us, prevent our sending your Honour &c^{t}. any more Treasure than the twenty Chests We now do by this Ship, as in such Case we shall have but Sufficient for our Necessary Expences and to carry on the Investment, Tho as We receive further Supplys of that Article from Europe, your Honour &c^{t}. may be assured that we shall only detain here a Sufficiency for our immediate Occasions, and shall forward the remainder to You.

As by a Letter from Vizagapatam of the 9th. Ult^{o}. We have advice that the Tryall Snow had not been then there which Vessell We dispatchd the 20th. July We therefore Imagine She must have proceeded directly for your place, which has prov'd a great disappointment to the Gentlemen at the Northern Settlements, as for [a] want of the Treasure We sent on her for their Use, they have for some time past been Oblig'd to put a Stop to their Investments and are much in want of the Wares She likewise had for them which with the Madrass Pagodas We hope your Honour &c^{t}. have been pleas'd to forward to those Settlements by some of our Honble Masters Ships bound hither now, as likewise for this Presidency the One hundred Pipes of Madeira Wine consign'd Us by our Hoñble Masters Ship Tavistock (which Vessell arrived at Vizagapatam the 8th. July & proceeded from thence for your Port the 19th. following) being much in want of it not only for the Service of the Place; but the Gentlemen belonging to his Majestys Ships bound home not having one single Pipe remaining in our Warehouse.

We have Order'd the Commander of this Ship to call at Dourassapatam and if he finds He can get any Quantity of Redwood within five or Six days to wait that time to take it in otherwise to proceed directly to Vizagapatam to land what we have put on board for the Northern Settlements, after which she will make the best of her way for your Port, In regard to the deficiency of that Article by the Success, We apprehend it must have been occasion'd by the hurry in Shipping it off or the Badness of the Weights at that place, Wherefore we shall oblige the Contracters to make it good to Us.

We have now the Satisfaction to Acquaint You that Madrass is again in our possession which Place Gen^{l}. Boscawen enter'd the 21st. Ult^{o}. when the French Troops Evacuated it.

Inclos'd we send your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. the Para of our Honble Masters Commands to this Presidency by the Dragon regarding their own Ships Lapwing, Dolphin, Dragon & New Castle & as the Gentlemen at Bencoolen have been Oblig'd to send the latter to Us, not having a Sufficient Cargo for her, there is only the Malabar Coast now left to send them to, whither we shall dispatch the New Castle as soon as the Season will permit, & with which We have acquainted the Gentlemen at all those Settlements as likewise the President & Council of Bombay & that the Dragon would be dispatch'd to them directly from your Place. We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most humble Servants

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.

RICHARD PRINCE.

THOMAS COOKE.

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
THE 3^{D}. SEP^{R}. 1749.

N°. 93

To THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
CHIEF &CT. COUNCIL OF VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

It was with not a little Concern that we observ'd in a Letter from Mr. Saunders to the President of the 9th. Ulto. that the Tryall Snow on whom we forwarded a Supply of Rupees and Pagodas for your place and Ingeram had not then been with You and that for want of Money You had been Oblig'd to put a stop to your Investments, Wherefore we now dispatch to You our Honble Masters own Ship Dragon with 64000 Rupees and 7000 Madrass Pagodas for the Use of your Settlement, as likewise Madrass Pagodas 15000 for Mr. Robert Goodere at Ingeram which must be forwarded to him as soon as possible, and as We expect the Gentlemen in Bengall will forward to You the Madrass Pagodas by some of the Shipping bound hither now, should no Accident have befallen the Tryall, We therefore hope that with that Supply and what You will now be furnish'd with, You will be able to proceed again briskly with your Investment & that the Inconvenience You have been put to by the Tryalls passing will prove of no Very bad Consequence.

As We are likewise of Opinion that You will receive from Bengall the Wares we put on board the Tryall is the reason of our sending You none by this Vessell.

Inclos'd is Duplicate of our last & We are

GENTLEMEN,
Your Affectionate Friends
CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
RICHARD PRINCE.
THOMAS COOKE.

FORT ST. DAVID
3D. SEPTR. 1749.

N°. 94

To MR. ROBERT GOODERE
RESIDENT AT INGERAM.

SIR

Having observ'd by your Letter to the President of the 9th. Ultimo with a good deal of Concern that the Tryall Snow on whom we put aboard a Supply of Treasure for your Place and Vizagapatam, must have Proceeded directly for Bengall as She had not been at Vizagapatam before that time and likewise that You had been Oblig'd to put a Stop to your Investment having no Money to furnish your Merchants with, We therefore now send You on the Honble Companys own Ship Dragon to Vizagapatam a Supply of 15000 Madrass Pagodas & as We are in Expectation the Gentlemen in Bengall will forward you what Madrass Pagodas We designed You by the Tryall Snow, We hope that You will by haveing so much Money in your Hands be able to proceed again Vigorously with your Investment and make up for the time You have been Oblig'd to lay still.

We are likewise in hopes that some of the Ships coming hither now from Bengall will be order'd to call at Vizagapatam to land the Wares we sent on the Tryall for that Factory & yours, Wherefore we send You none now by this Vessell.

The Duplicate of our last You will herewith & We are

SIR

Your Affectionate Friends

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
3^{D}. SEPT^{R}. 1749.

CHA^{S}. FLOYER.
EDW^{D}. CROKE.
RICH^{D}. PRINCE.
THO^{S}. COOKE.

N°. 95

TO CAPTAIN HENRY KENT
OF SHIP DRAGON.

SIR

You are hereby order'd to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your Way to Fort S^{t}. George where You are to stay only to land such Necessarys and Passengers You may have on board for that place after which You must proceed to Dourassapatam at your Arrival at which Port if You imagine You shall in the space of five or six days be furnish'd with a good Quantity of Redwood You are then to wait there that time to take it on board & no longer but if on your first Arrival You perceive that the said Redwood is not in readiness to be immediately Shipp'd on board & that You will be able to get but a small Quantity in the aforesaid time, You must then set sail for Vizagapatam where as soon as You Arrive You are to deliver our Accompanying Packet to the Chief & Council there as also what Stores We have put on board you for the Use of the Northern Settlements which when You have finish'd You must make the best of your Way to the Port of Calcutta in Bengall & on your Arrival there deliver our Packet to the President & Council of Fort William whose Orders You are to follow your future Proceedings. DATED in FORT S^{T}. David this 3^{d}. day of September 1749.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
RICHARD PRINCE.
THO^{S}. COOKE.

N°. 96

TO THE HONBLE ADAM DAWSON ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This accompanying Duplicate of our last ℔ Dragon, waits on You by the Prince William, from which Ship having unladen the Gun powder &c^{a}. Consign'd Us by the President & Council of Bombay, we now Dispatch her to You, and are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most humble Servants

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
5TH. SEP^{R}. 1749.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
RICHARD PRINCE.
THOMAS COOKE.

N°. 97

To Capt^N. William Webber
of Ship Prince William.

Sir

You are hereby Order'd to repair on board your Ship, & make the best of your way to the Port of Calcutta in Bengall, where You are to deliver the accompanying Letter to the President & Council of Fort William & to follow all such Orders as you may receive from them for your future Proceedings; Dated in Fort S^t. David this 5^th. day of September 1749;

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
Richard Prince.
Thomas Cooke.

N°. 98

To Mess^rs. Lawrence
Wynch &
Westcott.

Gentlemen

Major Lawrence having represented to the President the necessity there is for Compleating a Platform begun by the French on the Edge of the new Ditch, especially as the Walls of the Town are render'd incapable of bearing any Guns, We direct that the same be set about immediately so as to be able to finish it before the Monsoon setts in.

The Cuddalore Sloop arrived here last Night.

We are

Fort S^t. David
the 7^th. Sep^r. 1749.

Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
Richard Prince.
Thomas Cooke.

N°. 99

To the Honble Adam Dawson Esq^r.
President & Gov^r. &c^t. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last was by the Prince William under Date the 5^th. Instant since which Our Honble Masters Ship the Severn has imported here from England, She Saild from the Downes the 6^th. of April and Arrived here the 8^th. Inst^t. We now dispatch her to Fort S^t. George in Order to deliver there the Stores &c^t. She may have on board for the Squadron & from thence the Captain has our directions to proceed directly to your Presidency, We have laden on her 35 Chests of Treasure, Invoice & Bill of Lading for which comes inclosed, and We beg leave to Observe to your Honour &c^t. that this with what we have before sent You & what you have received

by the Somerset & Tavistock makes in all 300 Chests this Year, whereas we have only detained for the use of this Settlement 249 Chests, & out of that 60 have been sent to China;

We are sorry to inform your Honr. &ct. that We shall not be able to send you the Redwood we proposed by the Dragon as by a Letter from Captn. Kent received from Madrass he Acquaints Us that the Person who was to deliver him the Redwood at Dourassapatam was at Pondicherry, that therefore he apprehended it would be only loss of Time to call at that place, as he could expect but very little by the Time limited in our Orders for which reason he should drop the design & proceed directly to Vizagapatam.

We are

FORT St. DAVID
12TH. SEPR. 1749.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servants
CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
RICHD. PRINCI
THOS. COOKE.

N°. 100

To THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
CHIEF &CT. COUNCIL OF VIZAGAPATAM

GENTLEMEN

Our last was by the Dragon, Duplicate of which you'l receive with this, and We hereby direct you'l Adivse the Gentlemen of Bengall what Number of Bales you imagine you shall have ready to send Us by the latter End of December, that they may furnish you with the necessary Tonnage for bringing them up hither.

We have the pleasure to Acquaint You that our Honble Masters Ship the Severn imported here from Europe the 8th. Instant having been five Months on her Passage.

We are

FORT St. DAVID
12TH. SEPTR. 1749.

GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends
CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
RICHD. PRINCE.
THOS. COOKE.

P.S.

Having recd. by the Severn his Majesty's Proclamation for Peace, We therefore now send you one inclosed & You will therefore Proclaim it publickly at your place.

N°. 101

To CAPTN. RICHD. DORRILL
COMMR. OF SHIP SEVERN.

SIR

You are hereby Order'd to repair on board & make the best of your Way to Fort St. George, where after You have delivd. the Stores &ct. You may have on board for his Majestys Squadron you are to proceed directly for the Port of Calcutta in Bengall & there deliver the Accompanying Letter to the Presidt. & Council of FORT WILLIAM and to follow all such Orders as You may receive from them for your future proceedings. DATED in FORT ST. DAVID this 12th. Sepr. 1749.

CHAS. FLOYER &CT. COUNCIL.

N°. 102

To THE WORSHLL. JOSEPH HURLOCK ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL
OF FORT MARLBROUGH.

WORSHLL. SIR & SIRS

In Consequence of what We wrote You by the Brilliant Snow, We now dispatch to You the Honble Companys Sloop Cuddalore with Sundries as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading inclosed, and should You be in want of a Vessel[1] for to perform the Service of your Coast you have our permission to detain her for that purpose.

We have the Satisfaction to Acquaint You that We are again in possession of Madrass which place Genl. Boscawen enter'd the 21st. Ulto. when the French Troops evacuated it.

On the 30th. July Imported with Us the Honble Companys Ship Montfort whom We dispatched for China the 10th. Ultimo and the 8th. Instant Arriv'd here from England our Honble Masters Ship Severn having been five Months on her Passage, by her the Honble Court of Directors having transmitted Us sundry of his Majestys Proclamations for Peace, one of which we therefore now send you inclosed, that the same may be proclaimed at your Settlement.

We are

FORT STE. DAVID
17TH. SEPR. 1749.

WORSHLL. SIR & SIRS
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants
CHAS. FLOYER &CT. COUNCIL.

P.S.

The Salt We sent you by the Brilliant having been charg'd at a wrong price in the Invoice we therefore now send You an Invoice inclos'd wherein it is mentioned at the price it ought to be.

MANIFEST of Private Trade licens'd by the Presidt. & Council to be Shipp'd on the Sloop Cuddalore for FORT MARLBRO. Vizt.

BY CHARLES BOURCHIER TO ROGER CARTER.

R C					
N°. 1 a 2	2 Bales containing	Long Cloth White	.. .. ..	3	Corge
N°. 3	1 Dº.	dº.	Sallampores White	4	dº.
N°. 4	1 Dº.	dº.	Mooreas Blue	4	dº.
			Bettillæs dº.	3	dº.
N°. 5	1 Dº.	dº.	Long Cloth Blue 1/2 Pieces	4	dº.
N°. 6	1 Dº.	dº.	Sallampores dº.	4	dº.

By Mr. William Petch to Himself.

W.P. No.							
1 a 4	4	Bales	containing	Long Cloth White	.. .. ..	6	Corge
5	1	Do.	containing	do. Blue ¼ pieces	.. ..	10	do.
6 & 7	2	Do.		do. Blue ½ do.	.. ..	10	do.
8	1	Do.	containing	Sallampores Blue	.. .. ..	5	do.
9	1	Do.	do.	Succatoons do.	.. .. ..	10	do.
10	1	Do.	containing	Tappies Small	.. .. ..	5	do.
				Do. large	.. .. ..	13	do.
				Ordinary Stockings	.. .. ..	10	do.
				Midling do.	.. .. ..	6	do.
No. 11	1	Do.	containing	Ruffled Shirts	. .. ..	80	
				White Waistcoats	.. .. ..	110	
				fine Stockings	.. .. ..	6	Corge
Bales ..	17						

Fort St. David 17th. Sepr. 1749

Chas. Bourchier.
Secretary.

List of the Packet to Fort Marlbro dated the 17th. Sepr. 1749.

No. 1 General Letter to Fort Marlbro dated the 17th. Sepr. 1749.

2 Duplicate Do. to Do. dated 27th. July 1749.

3 Invoice of Sundrys laden on the Sloop Cuddalore for Fort Marl[bro] Amounting to Pagodas 517. 2. 32.

4 Bill of Lading for Do.

5 Duplicate Invoice of Sundrys laden on the Brilliant Snow for Fort Marlbro Amounting to Pags. 703 . 4 . 48.

6 Second Bill of Lading for do.

7 Manifest of Private Trade licens'd to be Shipp'd on the Sloop Cuddalore for Fort Marlbro.

8 Duplicate Manifest of Private Trade licens'd to be Shipp'd on the Brilliant Snow for Fort Marlbro.

Fort St. David 17th. Sepr. 1749

Chas. Bourchier
Secry.

No. 103

To Mr. Roger Carter.

Sir

We have recd. your Letter of the 11th. May by the Duke of New Castle with the sundry Papers that accompany'd it relating to Captn. Edward Jacobs Affairs, and in Consequence of what You mention of haveing remitted more than belongs to the Estate, as likewise concerning Mr. Marchants Debt which We Observe in the Accounts you have sent Us, Agreable to your Request, We have therefore paid the same to your Attorney Mr. Charles Bourchier.

As yet We have had no Demands from any of the Creditors to the said Estate, for the Money we have in our hands, which is but little above half what you remitted

by the Ps[s]. Augusta and is all that We have been able to recover of M[r]. Lesly, When the Affair is settled We will endeavour to Procure a Discharge for You from the Persons Concerned, regarding what is due from Timothy Tollie & the Syrang.

We are

FORT S[T]. DAVID
17[TH]. SEP[R]. 1749.

SIR
Your most hble Servants
CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
——— ———
RICHARD PRINCE.
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THO[S]. COOKE.

N°. 104

To M[R]. WILL[M]. PETCH
MASTER OF THE SLOOP CUDDALORE.

SIR

You are hereby order'd to repair on board your Vessell and make the best of your way to the Port of Fort Marlbrough on the West Coast of Sumatra, on your Arrival at which place you are to deliver the accompanying Letter to the Deputy Governour & Council there and to follow all such Orders as You shall receive from them for your future Proceedings, DATED in FORT S[T]. DAVID this 18[th]. day of September 1749.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDW[D]. CROKE.
——— ———
RICH[D]. PRINCE.
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THO[S]. COOKE.

N°. 105

To MESS[RS]. LAWRENCE.
WYNCH &
WESTCOTT.

GENTLEMEN

It being the Orders of the Hoñble Court of Directors by the Severn, as You will Observe by an Extract of their Letter to Us by that Ship now Inclosed, that We send them by the first Conveyance such Original Books & Papers as were usually sent to England (Annually we suppose they mean) with whatever else may be of Service in the Enquiry to be made by them concerning the Uses & on what Accounts the Money was appropriated that the late President & Council at FORT S[T]. GEORGE borrowed upon Bond &c[t]. or Attested Copys of such Books & Papers, whereof we do not send Originals, In Consequence therefore of the said Orders We direct that you transmit Us as soon as You can all such Books & Papers as it will require some time to take Copys of them.

We are

FORT S[T]. DAVID
18[TH]. SEP[R]. 1749.

GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends & Serv[ts].
CHA[S]. FLOYER.
EDW[D]. CROKE.
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RICH[D]. PRINCE.
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THO[S]. COOKE.

N°. 106

To Mr. Robert Goodere
Resid^{t}. at Ingeram.

Sir

We have rec^{d}. your Letter of the 26th. Ult^{o}. ℔ Phœnix Snow as likewise the two hundred and ten Bales of Callicoes You sent Us on her, by which Vessell We have complied with your Indent in every Article except what was sent for the use of your Factory by the Tryal Snow, which Vessell with the sundrys she had on board for Vizagapatam & your place the Gentlemen at Bengall have Acquainted Us they intended Dispatching up hither about the Middle of last Month with Orders to call at Vizagapatam, by which as You will now be so well supplied with Cash, We hope you will be able to get a great Quantity of Cloth.

Inclos'd is Invoice and Bill of Lading for the Sundrys we have laden on this Vessell & We are

Sir
Your Affect^{te}. Friends & Serv^{ts}.
Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
Richard Prince.
Tho^{s}. Cooke.

Fort St^{t}. David
24th. Sept^{r}. 1749.

P.S.

Being in want of your Books for Closing ours by, We direct that You send them us by the first Opportunity & that they be forwarded to Us in future in the Month of August.

N°. 107

To Mess^{rs}. Lawrence.
Wynch &
Westcott.

Gentlemen

We have rec^{d}. the Letter you wrote Us under the 21st. Inst^{t}. in which We Observe what you mention concerning having purchas'd the Mary's Cargo of Rice which we entirely approve of as likewise that You buy what more may offer for Sale on reasonable Terms, for perform^{g}. which We shall send You a further Supply [of] Money by the first good Sea Conveyance that Presents. We think You have done right in letting Linga Chittee have the twenty Bales of Broad Cloth He requested and if he should desire a further Quantity You have our Permission to grant him the same.

We are

Gentlemen
Your Affect^{t}. Friends & Serv^{ts}.
Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
Richard Prince.
Thomas Cooke.

Fort St^{t}. David
24th. Sep^{r}. 1749.

P. S.

Inclos'd is an Acco^{t}. of what We sent You by the Porto Bello Sloop & Boats for which Fort St^{t}. George Stands debted.

N°. 108

To Thomas Saunders Esq^R^.
Chief &c^T^. Council of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

As the Account Sortments of Cloth and Acco^t^. Current with your Factory went by the Tryall Snow, We therefore now send You Duplicates thereof and are

Gentlemen
Your Affect^t^. Friends
Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
Richard Prince.
Thomas Cooke.

Fort S^t^. David
28^th^. Sep^R^. 1749.

N°. 109

To M^R^. Robert Goodere
Resident at Ingeram.

Sir

The Account Sortments of your Cloth & Account Current with your Factory; having been Omitted to be sent in Our Letter to You of the 24^th^. Instant, You will therefore receive them Inclos'd & We are

Sir
Your Affect^t^. Friends
Charles Floyer &c^T^. Council.

Fort S^t^. David
26^th^. Sep^R^. 1749.

N°. 110

To Mess^RS^. Lawrence.
Wynch &
Westcott

Gentlemen

We have recd the Letter You wrote us under the 23^d^. Instant, as likewise the Box containing the Books & Papers that You transmitted Us at the same time. And in Consequence of Major Lawrences Request to the President to have some Officers immediately sent You, We therefore now dispatch the Honble Companys Ship Duke of New Castle to Convey them to You, on whom We have laden Ten Chests of Rupees as p^r^ Invoice and Bill of Lading Inclos'd, and the Commander of her has our Directions to return hither immediately after they are landed.

We have likewise put on board her thirty Pieces of Blue Cloth for Cloathing the Slaves and as We are in Want of a Set of General Books to bring ours into the same form by them, We direct that by the return of this Ship You send Us a Set.

We are

Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants
Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
Richard Prince.
Tho^s^. Cooke.

Fort S^t^. David
29^th^. Sep^R^. 1749.

N°. 111

To Capt^N. Francis Fowler
of Ship Duke of New Castle.

Sir

You are hereby order'd to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your Way to Fort S^t. George and after You have landed there the Officers and Treasure now sent on board You for that place You are to lose no time but make all possible Dispatch in returning hither Dated in Fort S^t. David this 29^th. day of Sept^r. 1749.

Cha^s. Floyer.
Edw^d. Croke.
——— ———
Rich^d. Prince.
——— ———
——— ———
Tho^s. Cooke.

N°. 112

To the Honble Libregt Hooreman
President on the coast of Choromandell
Governour of Negapatam &c^t. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Favour of your Letter bearing Date the 11^th. Instant N.S. We have duely received and shall agreable to your request by the first Conveyance that offers to Bengall forward the Packet You have sent Us for the Director & Council there.

Having some time past received by one of our Hoñble Masters Ships his Majestys Proclamation of Peace the same was therefore proclaimed by Us here the 25^th. of last Month and inclos'd We send You one of the said Proclamations being with much Respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^t. hble Servants

Fort S^t. David
6^th. Oct^r. 1749.

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
——— ———
Richard Prince.
——— ———
——— ———
Tho^s. Cooke.

N°. 113

To the Worsh^ll. Richard Bourchier Esq^r.
Chief &c^t. Factors at Anjengo.

Worsh^ll. Sir & Sirs

In Consequence of our Hoñble Masters Commands (of which a Copy has already been transmitted You) We now dispatch to You their own Ship Duke of New Castle and after You have laden on board her what You may think necessary You will please to give the Commander Orders to proceed directly to Tellicherry.

On the 8^th. Ultimo arrived here from England the Hoñble Companys Ship Severn Capt^n. Rich^d. Dorrill who sail'd the beginning of April, and brings Advice

of the Swift Snows having Arrived there before She came away By her the Hoñble Court of Directors have sent Us several of his Majestys Proclamations of Peace which was proclaimed in England sometime in February.

We are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
7TH. OCTOBER 1749.

WORSH^{LL}. SIR & SIRS
Your most hble Servants
CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
RICHARD PRINCE.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE.

N°. 114

TO THE WORSH^{LL}. THOMAS BYFELD ESQ^{R}.
CHIEF &C^{T}. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

WORSH^{LL}. SIR & SIRS

We have been favourd with what You wrote Us under the 8th. Ultimo, in which We are sorry to find You give Us but bad hopes in regard to Assisting Us to compleat the Large Quantity of Tonnage We have on our hands, but as it is our Hoñble Masters positive directions (a Copy of which have Already been transmitted You) to send to Your Coast their own Ships in Consequence thereof We therefore now dispatch to Anjengo and your Place the Duke of New Castle Capt^{n}. Francis Fowler.

On the 8th. Ultimo Imported here our Hoñble Masters Ship Severn Capt^{n}. Richard Dorrill from England, which She left the beginning of April and by her we had Advice of the Swift Snow's being Arrived at Home with the News of the bad Success we met with in the Expedition against Pondicherry, the Peace was proclaimed before She sail'd and by her we recd several proclamations thereof.

We are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
7TH. OCTOBER 1749.

WORSH^{LL}. SIR & SIRS
Your most hble Servants
CHA^{S}. FLOYER.
EDW^{D}. CROKE.
RICH^{D}. PRINCE.
ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
THO^{S}. COOKE.

N°. 115

To CAPT^N. FRANCIS FOWLER
OF SHIP DUKE OF NEW CASTLE.

SIR

You are hereby Order'd to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your way to the Port of Anjengo on your Arrival at which place You must deliver our Packet to the Chief and Factors there and follow their Orders for your future Proceedings. DATED in FORT S^T. DAVID this 9^th. day of October 1749.

CHA^S. FLOYER.
EDW^D. CROKE.

RICH^D. PRINCE.
ALEX^R. WYNCH.

THO^S. COOKE.

N°. 116

To MESS^RS. LAWRENCE &
WESTCOTT.

GENTLEMEN

We have recd your Letter of the 8^th. Inst^t. wherein you acquaint Us of the necessity You had been under to agree to raise three more Companys of Soldiers to be given to such of the Officers of the Independant Company's as had most Influence over the Men belonging to them to engage them to enter into our Honble Masters Service as they shew'd a Reluctancy to serve under Strangers and only eighty had chose to enlist When the General granted his Permission for that purpose Which for the Reasons You mention, We entirely concurr in and have accordingly Order'd Commissions to be drawn out for the Persons You have nominated. We likewise approve of your haveing entertain'd M^r. Alex^r. Grant to Act as Adjutant at Bengall it being the request of Capt^n. Hollond.

As We are in want of the FORT S^t. George Letters to England for the Years 1744 & 1745 we direct that the Books containing them be sent Us by the first good Sea Conveyance.

We are

FORT S^T. DAVID
12^TH. OCT^R. 1749.

GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

CHA^S. FLOYER.
EDW^D. CROKE.

RICH^D. PRINCE.
ALEX^R. WYNCH.

THO^S. COOKE.

N°. 117

To the Honble Adam Dawson Esq^r^.
President & Governour &c^r^. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since our last by the Severn We have received your several Letters of the 27^th^. July 10^th^. 21^st^. & 22^d^. August and the 7^th^. & 9^th^. September.

The Elizabeth arrived here the 5^th^. Inst^t^. which Ship we propose to send to Winter at Atcheen & shall dispatch her to Europe in January with what Bales may then be ready, which We apprehend will not be Sufficient entirely to load her, therefore your Hon^r^. &c^t^. must not depend upon Us to fill up any more Tonnage, than what the Gentlemen to the Northward may have occasion for which they have our Directions to advise you of.

We are sorry your Honour &c^t^. was prevented from Complying with our Indent for Salt Petre, by the Instructions you received from Europe, yet as We have none of that Article by Us to answer the Occasions, We may have for it, We again Request your Complyance therein, as it is impossible that the General Directions of our Honble Masters should be suited to all Exigencys that may happen & we think we may without Scruple dispence with them when we judge it for their Interest.

As soon as the Season will permit the Shipping to touch at Dourassapatam we shall endeavour to Supply You with the Quantity of Redwood you desire.

We are much Obliged to your Hon^r^. &c^t^. for your haveing forwarded to the Northern Settlements, the Treasure Consign'd them on the Tryall.

The Bills you drew on us payable to Mess^rs^. Heyman & Moses for Arcot Rupees Twelve Thousand & Forty Nine (12049) we have discharg'd, as we likewise shall those in favour of Charles Brett Esq^r^. for fifty Thousand (50,000) But we must request that your Honour &c^t^ will not in future draw on us to so Considerable an Amount, for as We have this Year Remitted to your Presidency, so large a Share of the Treasure imported from Europe, & only detain'd sufficient for our own Expences we are not Capable of answering such large Demands, without putting ourselves to much Inconvenience.

Yesterday morning our Honble Masters Ship the Chesterfield sail'd for England, on whom we forwarded your Packet to the Court of Directors, and the Duplicate will go by the Royal George whom we hope to dispatch in about Eight Days.

We observe the Answer made your Honour &c^t^. by Capt^n^. Tiddeman upon your demanding of him the One hundred and forty four Pag^s^. (144) due to Peter Dencker from the Ship Edgebaston in Consequence of which We have applied to Vellapah Capt^n^. Herefords Dubash, who is said to have in his Possession two hundred Pagodas (200) belonging to Capt^n^. Hereford, and find by his Accounts that the Ballance is in his favour four Pag^s^. thirteen fanams and Seventy Nine Cash (4. 13. 79) instead of against him, wherein he has only Debted the Edgbaston for fifteen Oxen bought of a Black Man Amounting to thirty three Pag^s^. twenty Seven Fanams (33. 27) and not for those deliverd by Dencker Wherefore We desire the Payment of them may be no longer deferr'd and that You will please to Credit Us for the said Amo^t^. as your Presidency at present stands Debted for it.

We shall Dispatch the Fort S^t^. George to your Hon^r^. &c^t^. in a few days & are

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants
Cha^s^. Floyer.
Edward Croke.

Rich^d^. Prince.
Alex^r^ Wynch.

Tho^s^. Cooke.

Fort S^t^. David
13^th^. Oct^r^. 1749.

N°. 118

To the Honble Adam Dawson Esqr.
President & Governour &ct. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Inclosed you will receive Duplicate of our last of the 13th. Inst. and We now take the Opportunity by his Majestys Snow the Swallow to advise You of our haveing alter'd our Resolution of sending your Honr. &ct. the Fort St. George which Ship we purpose shall proceed to Madagascar to purchase Slaves.

The Account particulars recd from Pondicherry of what the Edgbaston was Supplied with there, being mislaid, We therefore now inclose to your Honour &ct. Mr. Le Bon at Pondicherry's Receipt for the Money we paid him on that Account which was Eight hundred and twenty Pagodas, ten fanams, and twenty three Cash (820. 10. 23) and which We are to Request you will demand of Captn. Edwd. Tiddeman.

Mr. Richard Prince having Requested of Us Bills of Exchange on your Honour &ct. for the Sum of Arcot Rupees 8000, paid by him into the Honble Companys Cash here we have complied therewith & desire Your Honour &ct. will please to discharge the same to Mr. Willm. Perceval or order.

The Bills your Honour &ct. were pleased to draw on Us in favour of Chas. Brett Esqr. have been duely paid.

We are

Fort St. David
16th. Octr. 1749.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants
Chas. Floyer.
Edwd. Croke.

Richd. Prince.
Alexr. Wynch.
Foss Westcott.
Thos. Cooke.

N°. 119

To the Honble Adam Dawson Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. &ct. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

At the Request of our President to pay into the Honble Companys Cash here the Sum of forty thousand (40,000) Arcot Rupees, for Bills of Exchange on your Honour &ct. payable to Captn. Henry Speke we have accordingly granted the same and desire your Honour &ct. will please to discharge them.

We are

Fort St. David
17th. Octr. 1749.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants
Chas. Floyer.
Edwd. Croke.

Richd. Prince.
Alexandr. Wynch.
Foss Westcott.
Thos. Cooke.

N°. 120

To the Honble William Wake Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. &ct. Council
of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

This waits on you by his Majestys Ships Tartar & Syren, together with Duplicate of our last under the 30th. August, since which we have been favour'd with none from You.

Our Honble Masters Ship the Chesterfield sail'd for England the 12th. Instant, as did Admiral Boscawen with the Fleet under his Command the 19th. and we shall Dispatch the Royal George in a few days.

Commodore Lisle desires that his Majestys Ships may be Supplied with what Money they may have Occasion for, & that your Honour &ct. will draw Bills on him for the Amount thereof in the same manner as You did on Admi. Boscawen for Mr. Pawlets Squadron last Year, all which have been fully discharg'd, except a Deduction of Bombay Rupees 310. 2. 25 for Export Customs on Provisions, which Admi. Boscawen did not think reasonable to Charge his Majesty with.

The Great Troubles in the Country occasioned by a late Revolution, Oblige Us to detain your Detachment some time longer.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants
Chas. Floyer.
Edwd. Croke.

Fort St. David
20th. October 1749.

Richd. Prince.
Alexandr. Wynch.
Foss Westcott.
Thos. Cooke.

N°. 121

To Mr. Mc. Load.

Sir,

As Captn. Will's Ill State of Health will not permit him to proceed with the Ship, You are therefore hereby directed to repair on board the Ship Elizabeth & make the best of your way to Atcheen & to regulate your Stay there in such a manner that You may be back again by the 25th. of December or thereabouts. Dated in Fort St. David this 30th. day of October 1749.

Chas. Floyer.
Edwd. Croke.

Richd. Prince.
Alexandr. Wynch.
Foss Westcott.
Thos. Cooke.

N°. 122

To Capt^N. W^M. Mortimore
of Ship Fort S^T. George.

Sir,

You are hereby Order'd to repair on board and follow all such Orders as You shall receive from M^r. Henry Collins whom we have appointed Supra Cargo of your Ship Dated in Fort S^T. David this 31^st. October 1749.

Cha^s. Floyer.
Edw^D. Croke.

Rich^D. Prince.
Alexand^R. Wynch.
Foss Westcott.
Tho^s. Cooke.

N°. 123

To M^R. Henry Collins.

Sir

Having thought proper to appoint You Supra Cargo of the Ship Fort S^T. George for the purchasing of Slaves for the Honble Company on the Island Madagascar, with the Cargo Laden on y^t. Ship for y^t. Purpose as ℘ Invoice & Bill of Lading inclosed, You are hereby Order'd to repair on board & Give the Command^r. Orders (who we have commanded to follow all such as he shall receive from You) to proceed to any of the Windward Ports on y^t. Island & from thence to any other You shall think proper for the procuring the Number we are in want of Viz^t. 400 Men & Sixty or Seventy Women from the Age of Twelve to twenty five & We depend on your Care that they are in Health & no ways deform'd. As we judge by the End of July you will have compleated that Number You are then to give the Command^r. Orders to proceed to this place thro the Inner Passage & the Eight Degree Channel that you may arrive on this Coast the Latter End of August or the beginning of September, You are by no means to stay Longer on the trading Scheme than the Latter End of July although you are considerably deficient of the number of Slaves before specified.

We have put on board six Leagurs of Arrack for the Service of the Slaves & Presents, You must take particular Care to have a Sufficient Quantity of Provisions & Water on board for which Purpose we have Laden on board 60 Tuns of Casks & Order the Command^r. to be always on his Gaurd to prevent their Rising as has frequently happen'd We also direct that you take Care they receive no ill treatment on board Dated in Fort S^T. David this 31^st. October 1749.

Cha^s. Floyer &c^t Council.

N°. 124

To Major Stringer Lawrence.

Sir

Your several Favours bearing date the 13^th, 15^th. & 17^th. Ult^o. have been duely Recd likewise the Bond given by M^rs. Madeiras for the Appearance Mess^rs. Lametrie and Barnewal in January next, the Request of which Gentlemen in Regard to having a hearing here, is what We do not think proper to grant therefore they must comply with the Tenour of the said Bond;

It gave us a great Satisfaction to hear of our Colours being hoisted at S^t. Thomé, for which Place, We have got a Phirmaund, from Mahomud Ally Cawn, Who We hear Nazir Jung has been pleased to appoint Nabob of this Province, and inclosed You will Receive a Copy thereof.

We likewise Send You a List of such Houses, as are to be Confiscated to the Hoñble Company Tho' Messrs. Lametrie and Barnewal have our permission to remain in theirs till January next but all other Roman Catholicks Except Mrs. Madeiras & Coja Petrus must not be sufferd to reside in the White Town.

For the Carrying on the Civil Business at Fort St. George We have appointed Richard Prince Esqr. Deputy Governour there, & the following Gentlemen of Council Mr. Richard Starke Second, Mr. John Smith Third, Mr. William Smith King fourth, & Mr. John Walsh fifth, and Messrs. Starke and Walsh will set out to morrow to take Charge thereof till Mr. Prince & the rest of the Gentlemen proceed thither which will be shortly.

The fanams You have Requested shall be forwarded You in few days, and as the Cloathing is near made We think it is hardly worth while to send it till it is finish'd.

Herewith You will Receive Sundry Commissions for the Officers of the three new rais'd Companys with You, the Dates of which are left Blank to be fill'd up as You think proper, which when You have done You will Advise Us thereof that the same may be incerted in the Copys that are kept here, likewise of the Christian Names of the several Gentlemen Who are to have them.

The Revd. Mr. George Swenfen sets out with Messrs. Starke & Walsh & is to Act in the Station of Chaplain at Fort St. George. We are

Fort St. David
6th. Novr. 1749.

Sir
Your Affectionate Friends & Servts

Chas. Floyer.
Edwd. Croke.

Richd. Prince.
Alexr. Wynch.
Foss Westcott.
Thos. Cooke.

No. 125

To the Honble Adam Dawson Esqr.
President & Governour &ct. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Inclos'd are Duplicates of what We wrote You by his Majesty's Snow the Swallow.

On the 19th Ulto sail'd for Great Britain in the Exeter, the Hoñble Rear Admiral Boscawen with his Majestys Ships Deptford, York, Chester, Harwich, Eltham & Deal Castle & Young Eagle, the Sheerness & Bomb Ketch saild some days before for the Cape, leaving behind him Commodore Lisle in the Vigilant, Who with the Ruby, Tartar Syren & Swallow Snow are to remain in India, and on the 21st. the Commodore Sail'd from hence on a Cruize as did the Syren & Tartar the Day before & the Ruby the 18th. of that month for Bombay.

Our Hoñble Masters having by the Sandwich & Walpole transmitted Us an Account of a Deficiency of Several Pieces in sundry Bales of Izzarees which they recd by the Grantham. The same was immediately sent to Mr. Thos. Saunders the late Resident at Ingeram, at which Place they were provided that the Hoñble Company might receive Satisfaction on Acct. thereof agreable to their Directions, By his Reply to which (a Copy whereof your Honour &ct. will Receive Inclosed) likewise of the Acct. of the said Deficiency, It Appears that the Bales must have been Repacked which We suppose was done at your place, and as the Wax Cloth is mention'd to have been whole, as Your Honour &ct. will Observe by the said

Account We apprehend the Embezlement must have been Committed at the Time of their being Repacked, wherefore We are to Request you will make strict Enquiry into the same and Comply with our Honble Masters Commands to have the Amot. of the said Deficiency made good to them.

Upon Revising the Account of Treasure that We have Recd this Year from Europe, likewise what has been transmitted from hence and Received at your Presidency, We find we were guilty of an Error in advising your Honour &ct. in our Letter of the 12th. Septr. that We had detain'd here only two hundred and forty nine Chests, instead of two hundred and Sixty nine, exclusive of what was put on board the China Ships, which notwithstanding is a less proportion than You have been furnish'd with;

As our Honble Masters were pleas'd to direct that Fort St. George was to be deem'd as a Subordinate Settlement untill We should Receive their further Orders, We have therefore put it upon the same Establishment as this Place was during the time of that's being the presidency, and Appointed Richard Prince Esqr. Deputy Governour there which Settlement in few Years We hope to see again in a very flourishing State.

On the 1st. Instant sail'd from hence our Honble Masters Ships Elizabeth & Fort St. George, the former for Acheen & the latter for Madagascar, as did their Ship Royal George the next Day for Great Britain, by whom we forwarded your Duplicate Packet to the Honble Court of Directors.

Of late, Affairs in the Country hereabouts have been in a very bad Situation occasion'd by one Muzepher Jung (Grandson to Chicklass Cawn), pretending to a right in the Succession of his Father, which Nazir Jung Son to the said Chicklass Cawn would not Submit to, therefore he seperated from him, and collected an Army of about thirty two thousand Men, when he came into this Province and met with one Chunda Saib, who had for Eight Years past been a Prisoner with the Morattas, but was lately set at large & coming this way with a small force to Rob & plunder where he could to discharge his Ransom, which Person Muzepher Jing fell into a Union with & soon After they came near Arcot where with the Assistance of a Body of French Troops with a Train of Artillery, which Mr. Dupleix at Pondicherry. sent to join them, they in a Battle unhappily defeated Annarvardeen Cawn the Nabob of this Province, Who was himself Slain & his Army Routed upon which Chunda Saib was immediately proclaimed Nabob by Muzepher Jing & they both came directly to Pondicherry where they remain'd some days & have since proceeded towards Tretchanopoly to beseige it as Mahomud Ally Cawn, a Son of Annvardeen Cawn's is Govr. there, & has by Nazir Jing been appointed Nabob of this Province, who being on his March this Way with a numerous Army will We hope in a short Space make these Usurpers feel the Effects of his displeasure.

By these Commotions our Investment for near three months past have been greatly Impeded, by which We apprehend We shall be Unable to compleatly load the Elizabeth by the End of January.

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most humble Servants

CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.

FORT ST. DAVID

10TH. NOVR. 1749.

RICHARD PRINCE.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOS COOKE.

REPLY to Extract ℔ Ships Sandwhich and Walpole.

I cannot think the Embezlement happen'd at Ingeram as they are pleas'd to say the Gunney and Wax Cloth were entire, but the Wrapper pull'd out these Bales must have been Repacked, as there never was a Bale packed in Wax Cloth at Ingeram till January 1748.9.

THOS. SAUNDERS.

EXTRACT of the Account of Goods over and wanting by the several Ships that arrived in England Anno 1748.

℔ SHIP GRANTHAM.

IZZAREES invoiced Pags. 183 . . . wanting Ps. 11 & though pieces 99 are charg'd at Pags. 30 & pieces 84 at Pags. 25 ℔ Corge, no Distinction made in the Bale. — No Ticket in this Bale

IZZAREES invoicd pags. 242 ... wanting Ps. 2. — No Ticket in this Bale

No appearance of plunder in these Bales.

IZZAREES invoicd pags. 244 ... wanting 12 Ps.

The Gunnie & Wax Cloth was sound but the inside Wrapper tore & several pieces endeavourd to be pull'd out. — Do. in this Bale.

A True Copy.

CHAS. BOURCHIER,
Secty.

N°. 126

To THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
CHIEF &CT. COUNCIL OF VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

We have recd. your Severals of the 9th, 16th, 21st, 24th. & 29th. Sepr. and are glad to find You have recd. from Bengall the Treasure and Wares we intended You ℔ Tryall Snow which with the Supply You before recd. ℔ the Dragon We hope will enable You to make a Considerable Figure in your Investment by the latter End of December, notwithstanding the Time that was lost by the Tryalls overshooting Your Port.

The Ship Success arriving here so very late Obliged Us to reship Your Cloth on board the Chesterfield without resorting it, so that we cannot send You our Remarks thereon but must observe to You that there was too great a Quantity of fine Cloth in Proportion to that of the Ordinary and therefore direct that the quantity of fine Cloth You send Us in Decr. with that which We have already recd. from You may not exceed ⅓d. of the Amount of Your whole Years Investment which will be more in Proportion than is allowed the Merchants of this place.

As the Upparra Salam Ps. have been always deem'd the best Ordy. Cloth that is made to the Norwd. and far Superiour to the Ordy. Long Cloth that comes from Boney & that part of the Country We strenuously recommend to You the Incouragement of that Manufacture, and in future You must not fail to specify in your Invoices the exact quantity of each Sort, under their respective Heads.

You was some time past acquainted with the Military Regulations We recd. from our Honble Masters by this Years Shipping and as Rupees are the Currency of your Place You must pay both Officers & private Men at the rate We are inform'd they are paid at Bengall which is at 2s : 6d. the Arcot Rupee & as You have One Hundred Supernumerary Peons that were taken into the Service when Times were looked upon as Dangerous, which ceases to be the Case at present, We direct that You immediately discharge the same and entertain no more than the former Complement of One Hundred or thereabouts.

As We find great Difficulty in procuring Artillery Officers to inable Us to put Things upon the footing the Company has directed We leave You to regulate your Gunroom in the best Manner You are able and to imploy such People and as many of them as You think that Service requires.

If the Gentlemen at Bengall should Order one of our Honble Masters Ships to call at Vizagapatam to take in your Bales which We suppose they will, You must be carefull not to detain her longer than is absolutely necessary for that Purpose, giving the Commander Directions to call at Fort S^{t}. George.

The Upper Terrass of the Fort House at your Place having long since been represented very leaky, and in Order to prevent the Beams & Joices from receiving Damage thereby We think it ought to be repaired without Loss of Time, and therefore grant you our permission to set about it, We would also have you send Us a Calculate of the Cost of repairing the Barracks and other Buildings within the Fort that the same may be taken into Consideration.

With Respect to the Dispatching Such of our Honble Masters Ships that are bound for this Place as may fall in with your Port, should they Arrive when the Southerly Monsoon blows so fresh, As You imagine it will be in vain for them to Attempt coming hither, the Commanders may be permitted to proceed on to the Bay but should they Arrive at a time when the Season will permit of their working up hither, and soon enough to save their Passage to Bengall Afterwards, We direct that You then serve the Command^{r}. with Instructions to make the best of their way to this place without Loss of time.

Inclos'd is a form to draw out your Acco^{ts}. of Quick Stock by and We are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
10TH. NOV^{R}. 1749.

GENTLEMEN,
Your Affectionate Friends
CHA^{S}. FLOYER.
EDW^{D}. CROKE.

RICH^{D}. PRINCE.
ALEX^{R}: WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THO^{S}. COOKE.

N°. 127

To M^{R}. ROBERT GOODERE
RESID^{T}. AT INGERAM.

SIR

We have been favourd with yours of the 26th. August, 14th. Sept^{r}. & 3^{d}. October, the former came by the Phœnix Snow inclosing Invoice & Bill of Lading for 200 Bales of Callicoes sent Us thereon As We had not time to overlook the Cloth here We shall only Observe to You that we could wish there had been more of the Ordinary Sorts & Less of the fine and therefore direct that You send Us such a quantity only in Dec^{r}. as may not with this exceed $\frac{1}{3}^{d}$. of the Amount of your whole Years Investment which is a greater Proportion than is allowed the Merch^{ts}. at this Place.

As You are now fully supply'd with Money for your Merchants as well as Broad Cloth to satisfy the Demands of your Nabob and other Officers of the Government, We hope there remains nothing to prevent Your getting a large quantity of good Cloth which will be the more acceptable to our Honble Masters as their Investment here is likely to be greatly impeded by the Troubles in the Country which to all Appearance must continue for some time.

As We suppose your River will furnish You with a proper Conveyance for your Bales, You must not fail sending them away as soon as possible after the full Moon in Dec^{r}.

Inclosed is Copy of an Account of Quick Stock that was transmitted to England from Fort S^{t}. George agreable to which Form You must draw out what You send Us up in future.

We are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
10TH. NOV^{R}. 1749

SIR
Your Affectionate Friends
CHA^{S}. FLOYER.
EDW^{D}. CROKE.
RICH^{D}. PRINCE.
ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THO^{S}. COOKE.

N°. 128

To M^{R}. JOHN ANDREWS
RESIDENT AT GANJAM.

SIR,

The 22^{d}. Ult^{o}. We rec^{d}. your Favour of the 20th. Sep^{r}. and are very glad to hear that the Cause of your Disturbances is remov'd, and if the Friendship between your Nabob and Vizaramrauz lasts that the former has no Pretext for returning to Barampore We hope in future You will be more Successfull in your Investment for the carrying on of which the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam have our Orders to supply You with Money upon your making Application to them for it.

What Cloth You have ready You must send upon the best Conveyance You can get as soon as possible after the full Moon in Dec^{r}.

We are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
10TH. NOV^{R}. 1749.

SIR
Your Affectionate Friends
CHA^{S}. FLOYER.
EDW^{D}. CROKE.
RICH^{D}. PRINCE.
ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THO^{S}. COOKE.

N°. 129

To STRINGER LAWRENCE ESQ^{R}.
&C^{T}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

The President having communicated to Us a Letter wrote him by Major Lawrence, containing several Complaints against Maulrauze, in regard to his Behaviour in his Station of Polligar, which being Strength[ned] by several from many other Persons We therefore think him unworthy of that Post & direct that he be immediately dismiss'd not only therefrom, but likewise the Hoñble Companys Limits and We shall soon take into Consideration whom to appoint in his Stead.

The Subbidar of the Bombay Sepoys at present with You having Requested to be advanced two months pay for himself & People, We direct that the same be paid him and that an Account be transmitted Us particularly Specifying how much to each person, that We may inclose the same in our next Gen^{l}. Letter to Bombay.

We are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
14TH. NOV^{R}. 1749

GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends
CHA^{S}. FLOYER.
EDW^{D}. CROKE.

RICH^{D}. PRINCE.
ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THO^{S}. COOKE.

N^{o}. 130

TO MAJOR STRINGER LAWRENCE
&C^{T}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T} GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

Having last Night Rec^{d}. Major Lawrences Letter of the 14th Instant, We shall therefore now in Compliance with his Request give the needful Directions, regarding what he has mention'd.

With Regard to the Armenians We do not think it proper that any of them be permitted to reside within the Walls of the White Town excepting Coja Petrus, and therefore direct that the others be immediately Order'd to quit, their Houses &c^{t}. they have our permission to make Sale of provided it is to a European Protestant tho' to none else but the House of Coja Shawmier in Charles Street We desire may not be dispos'd of as yet, as We apprehend the Company may have occasion for it, And the possessions of those, whom We have thought Unworthy of Remaining within the Honble Companys Limits must (as We before directed) be confiscated to their Service.

In Consequence of the Petition of the Fathers Capuchins, We give them leave to remain in their present dwellings till the 1st. of next month but no longer on any pretence whatever.

We take notice of what M^{r}. La Metrie has mention'd in Regard to both his Houses being Mortgag'd concerning Which We shall make due Enquiry, and We acquiesce in the permission granted M^{r}. Jones to live in one of them, till We settle the Rent to be paid for the same.

Although the House adjoining to & belonging to the Portugueze Church, was through mistake omitted to be mention'd in the List of those to be Confiscated it must now be appropriated to the Use of the Honble Company.

M^{r}. Prince will set out to take upon him the Deputy Government in about Seven or Eight days, & will be furnish'd with the Necessary Instructions in regard to his Proceedings.

We are

GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends & Serv^{ts}.

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
17TH. NOV^{R}. 1749.

CHA^{S}. FLOYER.
EDW^{D}. CROKE.

RICH^{D}. PRINCE.
ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THO^{S}. COOKE.

N°. 131

To Major Stringer Lawrence
&c^T. Council of Fort S^t. George.

Gentlemen

In Consequence of our Commission to Richard Prince Esq^r. to be Deputy Gov^r. of Fort S^t. George He now sets out to take upon him the civil Government of that place and Major Lawrence upon leaving it must deliver over to him the Charge of the Garrison.

We have rec^d. the Letter You wrote Us under date the 18^th. Inst^t. inclosing one from Mons^r. La Metrie to Maj^r. Lawrence, concerning which and the Houses said to be Mortgag'd, We have given particular Directions to M^r. Prince, Your Letters of the 20^th. & 22^d. Inst^t. are likewise come to hand.

We are

Fort S^t. David
25^TH. Nov^R. 1749.

Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants
Cha^s. Floyer.
Edw^D. Croke.

Rich^D. Prince.
Alex^R. Wynch.
Foss Westcott.
Tho^s. Cooke.

N°. 132

To Richard Prince Esq^R.
Deputy Govern^R. &c^T. Council
of Fort S^t. George.

Gentlemen

Having appointed Richard Prince Esq^r. Deputy Gov^r. We have given him a Commission to act accordingly, and to which, as soon as he Arrives with You & the same is read we enjoin a due Obedience.

Being come to a Resolution that Mess^rs. La Metrie & Barnewall shall no longer reside under our protection We direct that You acquaint them they must depart the Town and its Dependencies with all their Effects, within Seven days after the Receipt hereof, And as to the Houses of such persons which You mention to have rec^d. Information are Mortgag'd, Upon due Enquiry should it be found, they are so, You must Oblige the Owners to make Oath of their Inability to discharge the same, and Advise Us accordingly, that We may give further directions concerning them.

Coja Miguel De Gregorio & Coja Shawmier having obtain'd our permission to reside with their Effects during the Term of one Year within the White Town, they are therefore an Exception to the General Order transmitted You a few days past.

The Houses that have been confiscated We would have You let out on reasonable Terms, to any Persons that may want to inhabit them, and the Rent they produce must be brought to the Hoñble Companys Account, and at M^r. Westcotts Request, We have granted permission for his Family to remain in that which lately belonged to M^r. Francis Carvalho situated in Charles Street, for which He is to pay the monthly Rent of fifteen Pagodas.

Inclos'd You will receive ten Copies of two Orders, which after you have got translated into the Languages of this Country, must be affix'd to the several Gates of your place.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID
25TH. NOVR. 1749.

GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants
CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.

ALEXR. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOS. COOKE.

No. 133

To MR. DUPLEIX
& THE GENTLEMEN OF COUNCIL
OF PONDICHERRY.

GENTLEMEN

We could not but be greatly Surpriz'd at the Receipt of your Letter of the 3d. Decr. N.S. to find that You therein pretend to dictate our Actions for which we esteem ourselves accountable to none but our Superiours in Europe, to whose Impartial Judgement we refer the decission thereof, & We have the Honr. to be very perfectly

FORT ST. DAVID
25TH. NOVR. 1749.

GENTLEMEN
Your most hble Servts.
CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.

RICHD. PRINCE.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOS. COOKE.

No. 134

To COJA PETRUS USCAN.

SIR,

This By Order of the Honble the Presidt. and Council is to acknowledge the Receipt of the Letter You wrote them the 18th. Instt. and to acquaint You that your Request in Regard to the Church at Viparee is what they dont think proper to comply with, firstly because the Father Capuchins claim a Right to it, which is confirm'd by Mr. Dupleix & the Gentlemen of Council at Pondicherry and lastly because Advice has been transmitted the Honble Court of Directors that it was deliver'd to the Danish Missionarys therefore they intend to wait till they know their pleasure in Regard thereto.

I am

SIR
Your most hble Servt.
CHAS. BOURCHIER,
Secy.

FORT ST. DAVID
27TH. NOVR. 1749.

N°. 135

To Mr. Dupleix
& the Gentlemen of Council
of Pondicherry.

Gentlemen

We have recd. the Letter You wrote Us the 8th. Decr. N.S. the first part of which We think requires no further Reply than We sincerely Wish that We may have as little cause to complain of the infringement of Treatys as You will have.

As to the Second part of your Letter concerning Mr. La Metrie, We are greatly surpriz'd You are Obliged to have Recourse to so far Seek'd a plea, as it is well known, that Gentleman almost ever since the Capture of Madrass resided under your protection When it is not to be doubted but you had Opportunitys Sufficient to have demanded of him the Sum You mention and it is the more astonishing to Us that You should presume to make our Company answerable to yours for that Debt, We are pretty Certain it is a Case Unprecedented and as such We can pay no Regard to your Protest in that Respect.

We have the Honr. to be

Fort St. David
30th. Novr. 1749.

Gentlemen
Your most Obedt. hble Servts:
Chas: Floyer.
Edwd. Croke:
——,,——
Alexr. Wynch:
Foss Westcott:
Thos. Cooke:

N°. 136

To Richard Prince Esqr.
Deputy Govr. &ct. Council
of Fort St. George.

Gentlemen

The 29th. came to hand Your Letter of the 27th. Ulto. inclosing Copy of a Remonstrance from Mr. Barnewall to Major Lawrence, in regard to which We think it Unnecessary to say any thing more than what we have already done in our Letter of the 25th. Ulto. that accompanied Mr. Prince.

Having come to an Agreement for Linga Chittee & Gruah to rent the Paddy Fields and Salt pans likewise the Companys Old Gardens both at your place for which they are to pay for the former the yearly Rent of Seven hundred and fifty Pagodas, and for the latter the Sum of two hundred and fifty Pagodas, As We are unacquainted with the Conditions they were usually let on, We would have You send Us overland two or three of the latest sets of Cowles and Commissions, That Cowles may be drawn out accordingly for the same and such of the Villages as We have lately let out. We would have transmitted Us also one Set more of the Consultations for 1746 as far as they were brought up and what Sections may be remain-

ing of General Letters Sent and Rec^{d}. for that Year your Diaries & Consultations & Accounts, must likewise be forwarded to Us in the same manner, as was usually done from this Place to Fort S^{t}. George when that was the Presidency.

We are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
2^{D}. DEC^{R}. 1749.

GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends & Serv^{ts}.
CHA^{S}. FLOYER.
EDW^{D}. CROKE.
ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THO^{S}. COOKE.

N°. 137

To RICHARD PRINCE ESQ^{R}.
DEPUTY GOVERN^{R}. &C^{T}. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

We have Received your several Letters of the 2^{d}. 4th. & 7th. Inst^{t}. and as our Sentiments agree with yours in Regard to the Bond given by M^{rs}. Madeiras for the Appearance of Mess^{rs}. La Mettrie & Barnewal in January We therefore now send it You inclosed to be delivered up to her and those Gentlemen with their Effects must on no Account whatever be permitted to remain in Madrass or its Dependencies longer than the 25th. Inst^{t}. their Houses as they have proved them to be Mortgag'd they are permitted to dispose of.

Having received a Letter from the Capuchin Missionarys requesting that they may have a place of Residence appointed them & permission to freely Exercise their Religion. We have thought proper to Comply therewith therefore direct that they be put in possession of the Romish Church Situated at Mile End.

The Several Books mentioned in your Letter of the 7th. came safe to hand also your Wareh^{o}. K^{rs}. Indent for Packing Stuff, but as there is little probability at present of our being furnished soon with a Conveyance to Comply therewith should the Ships on whom We expect a Supply of that Article from Bengal touch at your Port You have our Permission to take as much out of them as you may Stand in need of or Supply your Selves therewith out of such Ships as may have any for Sale We are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
15TH. DEC^{R}. 1749.

GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends & Serv^{ts}.
CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEXAND^{R}. WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
THOMAS COOKE.

N°. 138

To THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ^R^.
CHIEF &C^T^. COUNCIL OF VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

We received your Letter of the 15^th^. Ult°. & have now only to advise that as We imagine an additional Supply of Cash may be very Conducive to the making a large Investment We have therefore procured a Bill of Exchange on Metchlepatam for ten thousand (10,000) Madrass Pagodas which We now forward to M^r^. Robert Goodere at Ingeram as that Factory is so much nearer than yours, from whence You will receive, Five thousand (5000) which with two and a half ℔ Cent We have paid for the said Bill and ten & a half ℔ Cent Batta You will take Care to Credit this Presidency for; The Piece of Broad Cloth midling Blue mentioned in your Letter of the 29^th^. September 1749 to be missing in Bale N. 1505 was not really a deficiency, but a mistake in the Invoice sent You from hence, as that Bale was Invoiced from England to contain no more than five Peices, therefore You must Debt this Presidency for it as We did your Factory when it was sent.

Inclosed you will receive Duplicate of our last bearing Date the 10^th^. Ult°. and We are

FORT S^T^. DAVID
16^TH^. DEC^R^. 1749.

GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends
CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEXAND^R^. WYNCH.

THOMAS COOKE.

N°. 139

To M^R^. ROBERT GOODERE
RESID^T^. AT INGERAM.

SIR

We have duely received your Letters of the 21^st^. October and 17^th^. Ult°. in which it was a sensible Satisfaction to Us to observe, You had so many Bales on hand and being acquainted by the President with what You mentioned to him of the prospect You had of succeeding in a large Investment, provided You could be furnished with a Supply of Cash, to promote the same as much as We are able, We have procured a Bill of Exchange on Metchlepatam for ten thousand (10,000) Madrass Pagodas which we now inclose to You, & when You have rec^d^. that sum, Five thousand (5000) of it must be immediately forwarded to Vizagapatam, for the Use of that Factory and the remainder with the præmium of two and half ℔ Cent and ten & a half ℔ Cent Batta which We have paid, yours will stand Debted for on our Books, The Persons on whom the Bill is drawn, are nam'd Copperty Para Linga Chittee, and Murtenza Chittee, and the Peons who are the Bearers and Named Nimmasorey Venkaya, and Raya Mogganah must be sent with the said Bill to Metchlepatam, and will return to You with the Money.

The Duplicate of our last We now inclose to You and are

SIR
Your Affectionate Friends
CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.

THOMAS COOKE.

FORT S^T^. DAVID
16^TH^. DEC^R^. 1749.

N°. 140

To Richard Prince Esq^R. Deputy Gov^R. &c^T. Council of Fort S^T. George.

Gentlemen

We have received your Letter of the 13^th. Inst^t. with the Original One and Copys of two others from M^r. De La Mettrie, Who with M^r. Barnewall It is our directions that you call before You and (as it is their strenuous desire), that You acquaint them the Motives that induced Us to arrest them were, In Regard to M^r. La Mettrie, because he not only resided under protection of the French, after the Capture of Madrass, but proceeded to Pondicherry, at a time when We were in actual War with that Nation, and as to M^r. Barnewall because We have sufficient proofs that he acted as Quarter Master to the French Troops, under the Command of M^r. De La Bourdonnais, and We likewise further direct that You deliver to each of those Gentlemen an Extract hereof.

We Observe what You mention in regard to the Bengal Rice, disagreeing with the People, wherefore You have our permission to lay in a Supply of Country Paddy, the Rice must be continued in Store, unless any part of it is damaged, which in such Case, must be exposed to Sale in the Buzars.

With Respect to the Valuation of the Town, We think it improper it should be mentioned on your Books till We receive further directions from our Hoñble Masters Regarding it, and as to the Confiscated Houses, we would not have them yet brought into your Books, but the rent they may produce accounted for under the Head of Rents & Revenues. The Sundry Garrison Stores received from His Majesty's Ships must be inserted in your Books, without the prices till We receive information of the Terms, We are to have them on.

Having come to a Resolution to continue only a Body of thirty Horse in our Honble Masters Service, all above that Number, at present with You except Ten to Supply any Casualities must be immediately sold by publick Outcry as also the Camels.

Tellesinga Chittee and Sunca Vencaty Ramah with their partners, having deliver'd Us their Accounts with the Honble Company, We now send You inclosed Copys thereof which You must Compare with the Cash & Warehouse Books, & acquaint Us if they Agree They have engaged with Us to deliver at your place about two hundred Bales of Cloth by the 20^th. of February next, which as it comes in must be Cured and Sorted & We have advanced to each Set on that Account five thousand Pagodas.

Peter Dencker, being indebted to our Hoñble Masters, five hundred (500) Pagodas, which was advanced him to Supply himself with a Stock of Cattle to furnish his Majesty's Troops when here with provisions He must therefore now be made to repay that Sum.

We are

Fort S^T. David

19^TH. Dec^R. 1749.

Gentlemen

Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
Stringer Lawrence.
Alexand^R. Wynch.

Thomas Cooke.

N°. 141

To Richard Prince Esq^R^.
Deputy Gov^R^. &c^T^. Council
of Fort S^T^. George.

Gentlemen

Last Night came to hand yours of the 18^th^. Inst^t^. with a Copy of a Letter addressed to You by M^r^. George Jones inclosed, which We have perused but till M^r^. Moses delivers in his Answer (which He must be directed to do as soon as possible) and We are furnished with a Copy of it, We shall defer giving You our Sentiments & Advice upon what is set forth by M^r^. Jones a Copy of which must immediately be deliver'd to M^r^. Moses.

We entirely approve of what You mention in regard to Summoning a Vestry, also with your having Renewed the practice of Registring the Sales and Mortgages of Houses, and as We find the great Necessity there is for Instituting a Choultry We direct that the Members of your Board do act as Justices for trying all petty Offences, which was the Method made Use of At this place formerly.

For some Reasons that have occurr'd to Us It is our Directions that the House lately belonging to Seignora Estra situated at Mile End, mentioned in the List transmitted You the 6^th^. Ult^o^. of those to be Confiscated be Exempted therefrom and deliver'd up to M^r^. Lawrence Van Bruytendyke Whose property We Understand it is.

We are

Fort S^T^. David
22^D^. Dec^R^. 1749.

Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
Stringer Lawrence.
Alexand^R^. Wynch.

Thomas Cooke.

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